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Building at Har Homa begins

PM considers additional 1,000 homes for Palestinians near site

By DAVID MAKOVSKY and JON IMMANUEL

Amid a chorus of condemnation from the international community, construction finally began on Har Homa yesterday afternoon.

In a statement to Palestine Radio, Arafat called on Palestinians not to commit violence

nearby site. Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu said last night that the government would consider build-

Palestinians," said Palestinian Legislative Council Speaker Ahmed Qurei. "We don't want all this way of bluffing."

None of the concessions offered or being considered by Netanyahu are considered serious, since opening the airport, seaport, and a free passage route between Gaza and the West Bank are guaranteed under terms of the interim agreement.

Talks on interim issues will continue because they deal with issues that should have already been resolved, but final-status talks have been shelved, Palestinian sources said.

When asked last night what the message of Har Homa was to Palestinians, a senior US diplomat said, "Israel's message of Har Homa for Palestinians is: 'Screw you.'"

He said there is no US diplomatic initiative afoot to resolve the crisis. There were Palestinian calls last night for another meeting of the UN Security Council. The US recently vetoed a resolution condemning Israel for the planned Har Homa construction.

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ing an additional 1,000 homes for Palestinians on a hilltop adjacent to Har Homa, which some have called Har Homa 2.

In an interview with Channel 2 last night, Netanyahu said he had discussed this idea with Jerusalem Mayor Ehud Olmert.

"There is a nearby hilltop which we call Har Homa 2, which was expropriated from private Arab hands. We are considering turning this into an Arab neighborhood," Netanyahu said.

A few weeks ago, Netanyahu's announcement that Israel would permit 3,015 Palestinian homes to be built was met with massive derision by Palestinians, who insisted that he was not sincere. "We don't need houses for



Border policemen protect construction equipment on Har Homa yesterday.

(Brian Hentler)

army helicopters circling overhead, was deployed throughout the area and on the roads leading to the site, as police and the IDF were on full alert for any distur-

bances by protesting Palestinians. Bethlehem and Hebron were declared closed military areas. Joint Israeli-Palestinian patrols were temporarily suspended, and

Joseph's Tomb in Nablus was closed. All police leaves in Jerusalem were canceled. "From Radio Palestine and our intelligence sources, the response

so far has been moderate," said Jerusalem police chief Cmdr. Yair Yitzhaki.

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A great media spectacle

By ELLI WOHLGELER

Never before have bulldozers and steam shovels performed before such a large and eager audience as that which was waiting for them at Har Homa yesterday afternoon.

A couple of thousand people were there, including members of the media, soldiers, police, border Police, MKs, and just plain gawkers.

But if they thought they were coming to see some kind of show-down, a demonstration, or violence, they were at the wrong spot. The huge security detail was prepared for any eventuality.

While rocks were thrown and tires burned in Bethlehem, here all the action took place on the treads. From every angle, from close-up to wide-angle, every pirouette performed by the construction equipment was photographed for history.

It was a perfect media event, and cynics could argue it was so staged by the government: a photo opportunity for TV cameras to get their pictures on the first day of the long-awaited event and then move on, allowing for the serious work to get started today. One Swedish TV crew, for example, had flown in Saturday night just to record this. It was replacing the regularly stationed crew that had recently gone to another hot spot - Albania.

The performance began at 2 p.m., when the four bulldozers and steam shovels set off from Kibbutz Ramat Rahel atop flatbed trucks to get to the theater in time for their 2:30 performance. After a morning of heavy rain, the skies had turned partly cloudy, and though cold and blustery, it was not enough to deter the multitude that came for the show.

On the way, the convoy - the flatbeds escorted by a dozen IDF and police vehicles - passed

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Hanegbi questioned again over Bar-On

By RAINE MARCUS

Justice Minister Tzahi Hanegbi was questioned under caution in his Tel Aviv office yesterday for more than 15 hours regarding his role in the Bar-On Affair. He will probably be the last person questioned in the two-month long probe.

It was decided to question Hanegbi in Tel Aviv after much deliberation between police and his lawyer, Uri Wagman. This is the third time police questioned Hanegbi, who denies all allegations of wrongdoing and has maintained that he was marked by the Prime Minister's Office to be the

scapegoat in the affair. Police concentrated on Hanegbi's statements to government ministers about the ostensi-

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ble suitability of Roni Bar-On as attorney-general and allegations that he "embellished" Bar-On's resume when discussing the appointment with Supreme Court

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Kahalani: We're ready for any flare-up

By LIAT COLLINS

Internal Security Minister Avigdor Kahalani was called from the cabinet meeting on Har Homa yesterday morning to address a subcommittee of the Knesset Foreign Affairs and Defense Committee on the subject.

"I think it would be a mistake to give

in to threats," Kahalani told parliamentary reporters. "We've been aware of the threats for a long time. We're prepared for any flare-up, and our response will be quick and hard whenever necessary."

Asked about the reports that Yasser Arafat is not restraining Hamas and other groups threatening a violent reaction

to the construction, Kahalani said if the reports are true, "[Arafat] is making an historic mistake from his point of view."

Kahalani said he believes Arafat might be trying to deliberately torpedo the peace process by allowing Hamas and Islamic Jihad to act against Israel. He said he knew of no attempts to formulate

a "package deal" with the Palestinians to allow the building to go ahead unhindered in return for giving the Palestinians certain other concessions, despite reports to that effect.

He called for restraint and said people must understand "that Jerusalem is our capital and we will build there. I expect restraint from both sides for the sake of

the peace process which is good for both peoples."

Kahalani said the security establishment is "more cautious" following the disturbances that followed the opening of the Western Wall Tunnel exit last September. "We have thought of all the possibilities and are ready to deal with them," he said.

He said the security establishment gives its assessments to the decision makers in the government but does not give an opinion on whether the work should or should not go ahead.

Batsheva Tsor adds: The High Court of Justice is due today to hear three petitions against the building at Har Homa.

Foreign Ministry tries to counteract PA accusations

By DAVID MAKOVSKY

As the Palestinians continue to charge that Israel is violating the Oslo Accords with its construction plans for Har Homa - an allegation that Israel contests - the Foreign Ministry Legal Division is apparently seeking to regain the political offensive. It issued a paper to its almost 100 diplomatic missions abroad alleging that the Palestinian Authority has systematically violated the "Note for the Record" which was attached to the Hebron accord in January.

The "Note for the Record" has been a centerpiece of Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu's insistence that he has attained "reciprocity" from the Palestinians.

The Foreign Ministry paper states, "for its part, the Palestinian Council undertook to complete the process of revising the Palestinian Charter, to take strengthened measures to fight terrorism and prevent violence - including the transfer of suspects, confiscation of illegal firearms, and reduction of the size of the Palestinian police

to that permitted in the Interim Agreement, and to conduct Palestinian Council activity in the areas of Palestinian jurisdiction - and not in Jerusalem."

"In respect of every one of these commitments, the Palestinian side has failed to demonstrate its intention or will to comply with its undertakings."

At the same time, the paper insists, "Israel undertook to implement the first phase of the further redeployment process, to release women prisoners who had not yet been released, and to reopen negotiations on a range of issues including safe passage, Dahaniya Airport, Gaza Port, etc. Israel has complied with its undertakings in all these aspects."

The Palestinians have complained that none of those issues under negotiation have been resolved, with the exception of clearance for PA Chairman Yasser Arafat's aircraft to and from Dahaniya, something which does not appear in the Note for the Record.

Below are some of the main allegations made in the 15-point

paper:

• "Recent months have seen a marked decline in the extent of Palestinian activity directed against terrorists. Not only has the Council ceased to arrest individuals suspected of terrorist activity ... but it has continued to release members of terrorist groups, many of whom have been actively involved in the organization and perpetration of acts of terror."

• "Israel has to date submitted 19 transfer requests (relating to 23 individuals) to the Palestinian side and none have been complied with."

• "Over the last year, over 20 Hamas fighters involved in terrorist activity were recruited into the Palestinian forces."

• "The Hebron Protocol permits a maximum of 400 policemen, some 1,500 Palestinian police are operating, many of them armed with rifles which both in type and quantity violate the provisions of the Hebron Protocol."

• "The PA has 'only' confiscated a token number of arms from among the tens of thousands of illegal weapons in the areas under its authority."



Bat Shalom and Peace Now supporters protest the Har Homa construction at the site yesterday.

(Byron McBurney)

US concerned over violence

By HILLET KUTTLER and news agencies

US Secretary of State Madeleine Albright yesterday urged Israel and the Palestinian Authority to resume negotiations, saying violence is no answer to the dispute.

"We are obviously very concerned about the fact that violence is never an answer to the problems in the Middle East, and we would very much want to see a return to the table," she told reporters, at a White House briefing in advance of this week's Helsinki summit between President Bill Clinton and Russian President Boris Yeltsin.

"That is the only time that there has been progress in the Middle East, when the parties are actually talking to each other at the table. And that is the way we would like to see things proceed."

Albright added that "the Israelis understand the difficulties that we see with their going forward" on Har Homa, but refused to comment directly on the project.

Asked about reports that PA Chairman Yasser

Arafat has given Hamas the go-ahead to conduct terrorist attacks, State Department spokesman Nicholas Burns said US officials "don't believe it to be true. And we will certainly expect that Chairman Arafat keeps his commitment to Israel and to the US that there will be no violence. We also expect that extremists on the Israeli side will not provoke violence or resort to violence themselves."

Condemnation of the start of construction at Har Homa came from throughout the international community yesterday.

"The start of construction at Har Homa outside Jerusalem can do nothing but harm the peace process," British Foreign Secretary Malcolm Rifkind said in a statement. "Like all settlements, this one will be illegal, and it goes against the spirit of the Oslo agreement. I am disappointed that the Israeli government [has] taken this decision against the strong advice of their friends in the international community."

"I urge the Palestinian leadership to continue to do everything possible to avoid current tensions leading to violence," he added.

French Foreign Minister Herve de Charette called the construction "an obstacle to peace" and warned against a resurgence of violence.

"I hope that violence will not start again in this part of the Middle East and I can only suggest to both sides to do all they can to avoid it," he said.

"France feels that the decision taken by the Israeli government goes against the spirit and the letter of the Oslo Accords, as well as other accords between Israelis and Palestinians."

Jordan urged Israel to reverse its decision. "We regard settlements as contradictory to international law and agreements signed between the Palestinians and Israel, as well as between Jordan and Israel," Information Minister Marwan Muasher told a press conference, following a cabinet meeting.

UN Secretary-General Kofi Annan expressed "disappointment and deep concern." "He calls on the parties to do their utmost to find mutually acceptable solutions and proceed with the peace negotiations," a statement issued through a UN spokesman said.

COMMENT

Expect the unexpected

By HERB KEINON

The country, so it seems, loves to live with the feeling that all hell will break loose at any minute.

Not a completely unfounded sentiment, given that all hell does break loose here quite often. But it seems to happen when we least expect it, not when our eyes, and the eyes of the entire world, are focused on the possibility.

Just three months ago the country - nay, the whole world - was preoccupied with Hebron. There were apocalyptic prognoses of what would happen when the IDF redeployed. The media was there en masse to capture live any stone thrown, any poster waved, any body thrown in front of a retreating IDF jeep. Every move in Hebron was analyzed, re-analyzed, and then re-analyzed again.

The question that dogged us day and night was when the redeployment would take place, and what would happen when it did. Reporters filed stories about

"another uneventful day in Hebron." The uneventful, because of our expectations, became the event.

Our eyes were glued on Hebron because we thought that, once the redeployment took place, trouble would soon follow. It didn't. Which is not to say it won't, only that it won't when we most expect it.

That Hebron did not provide the drama we expected was really not important, since another crisis was bound to pop up for this crisis-addicted country. And it has - Har Homa.

Never, it seems, has so much attention been paid to a few guys going up a hill to take some measurements as has been paid over the last few days to the surveyors set to go to Har Homa. It is hard to imagine that surveying has ever received such attention, with radio news programs interviewing the surveyors to find out exactly what it is they do, and newspapers interviewing bulldozer drivers to find

out how they feel waiting "on the brink."

Faisal Husseini says the atmosphere smells now the way it did before the intifada. I submit that it smells now the way it did before the Hebron redeployment.

Good things, the saying goes, happen when you least expect them; they sneak up on you. As do bad things. The Western Wall Tunnel riots in September hit most of the country like a thunderclap, as did the helicopter disaster at She'ar Yashuv and the Nabarayim massacre. Crisis and disaster generally come from the blind side - difficult to prepare for, impossible to get the good camera angle on.

Which is not to say that there will not be any trouble over Har Homa. There very well may be. Just as there still may be trouble in Hebron. But it is unlikely to happen when, where, and how we expect it. Not everything accommodates the cameras, or our thirst for drama.

First homes may be ready by end of '99

By HERB KEINON and URIEL HEILMAN

The first homes on Har Homa may be ready for occupancy as early as the end of 1999, Housing Ministry spokesman Moshe Eilat said yesterday.

He said the surveying that began yesterday, intended to chart out roads and sewage lines, could be finished within two weeks. "It all depends on how fast the work is carried out, and how many people are involved," he said.

The first pre-building stage began with the arrival of a team of surveyors, who began to place markers in preparation for the beginning of bulldozing work.

In an interview with Israel Radio, surveyor Avi Goldreich estimated that the surveying would probably take three or four days. He said the surveyors were not bothered by the onlookers.

The surveying process is accomplished in two stages. The first step consists of making a topographical map of the land. Using aerial and close-up photography, planners map the topography onto a computer before planning the infrastructure for the neighborhood. Once completed, surveyors then go to the site and mark the

area according to the map, the stage that began yesterday.

Using stakes and other markers, surveyors determined the locations of the bypass road (being built for security reasons), the inner streets, and the sewage system, and marked places where soil needs to be removed or added.

"It looks like a nice, quiet area," said Goldreich.

After the surveying is completed, work will begin on building the infrastructure. This includes laying electric cables and water pipes, and basic roadwork. Again, depending on the number of workers, this could be completed in two months.

The next stage is issuing tenders for building contractors. Eilat said it is not yet clear how many contractors will be involved in the project.

"Then the actual building can begin," Eilat.

Eilat said it is difficult to predict the time of completion because it depends on how many people are working and at what speed. But, he said, the first homes could be ready within 30 months.

The first stage calls for the construction of some 2,400 homes, with another 4,000 to be built in the following stage.

IDF closes Joseph's Tomb

Fearing an eruption of violence as bulldozers started work on Har Homa yesterday, the IDF ordered the closure of Joseph's Tomb in Nablus yesterday, demanding that students from the Od Yosef Chai yeshiva and all worshippers and visitors leave the site.

A spokesman for the IDF Central Command said the site would remain closed until further notice. Yeshiva director Eli Rosenfeld said that although the start of work on Har Homa is welcome, he is demanding that the government and security forces secure the area. "It is much more preferable to have Jews inside the compound than outside," he said.

Six soldiers were killed at Joseph's Tomb when fighting broke out after the Western Wall Tunnel exit was opened last September, and much of the yeshiva was burned by rioters. Margot Dudkevich

SPECTACLE

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through the Talpott neighborhood, where bystanders cheered upon hearing of their destination.

As the entourage snaked its way down the curving road to the intersection between Umm Tuba and Beit Sahur, dozens of cameras set up on tripods were preparing to greet it. Up the mountain drive drove one bulldozer, and up followed the media. Off to the side, a steam shovel moved a few rocks with its jaws, and that, too, was recorded.

And so it went for two-and-a-half hours, until the equipment was parked at the top of the hill for the night. Left behind was a

long scar of brown earth between the patches of green grass and rock.

A kilometer away, on a facing hill known as Givat Hatayarin in Beit Sahur, sat Palestinian and Peace Now protesters.

There was nothing to see from where they sat, but their tent city - by now grown to six tents, from two Monday afternoon - was the focal point of the opposition to the construction.

Palestinian leader Faisal Husseini sat in one of the small tents, the words "Orient House" spray-painted on the outside in English and Arabic, giving interviews by the numbers, as wave after wave of journalists and camera crews squeezed in to get a quote or a sound bite.

Har Homa, Day One.

HANEGBI

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President Aharon Barak. Barak objected to the appointment.

Hanegbi's questioning yesterday, which continued until late last night, is supposed to wrap up the complicated probe.

Although police have regularly transferred evidence from those questioned about the affair to the state attorney, the investigating team, headed by National

Investigations Chief Cmdr. Sando Mazar and Dep. Cmdr. Ya'acov Grossman, is expected to consolidate all material collected from the more than 35 people questioned, and meet with State Attorney Edna Arbel tomorrow with recommendations on whether to indict anyone.

Liat Collins adds: Internal Security Minister Avigdor Kahalani said yesterday he "does not expect the earth to shake" following the end of the Bar-On Affair investigation.

CORRECTION

A Page 2 headline yesterday should have read "US: Hamas believes PA will permit terror if Har Homa goes ahead" and not as written.

SOCIAL & PERSONAL

THE WEEKLY MEETING of the English-speaking Jerusalem Rotary Club will take place today at 1:00 p.m. at the YMCA, King David Street. Dr. Yacov Baumgold will speak on "Violence in the family."

Knesset splits down party lines

By LIAT COLLINS

Hadash yesterday filed a no-confidence motion over Har Homa.

"The government is inviting a particularly dangerous escalation," faction chairman Salah Salim said. "It seems it's prepared to sacrifice the political process on the altar of illogical and stubborn nationalism."

Earlier in the day, Hadash MKs Tamar Gozansky and Ahmed Sa'ad were removed from Har Homa by security forces, after they tried to bodily block the bulldozers.

Other political responses to the start of construction were predictable, with the Left warning of violence and the end of the peace process and the Right praising the decision to stress Israel's sovereignty over its capital.

Labor faction chairman Ra'an Cohen said Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu has promised the Palestinians strategic concessions and made far-reaching promises to ensure quiet. He demanded the premier reveal any deals made.

National Religious Party faction chairman Hanan Porat said he expects the Har Homa work to continue at a fast pace. He called on Netanyahu to warn Palestinian Authority Chairman Yasser Arafat that any outbreak of violence will cause the Palestinians to lose all they have gained under the Oslo Accords.

MKs from the Democratic Arab Party visited President Ezer Weizman in Hadassah-University Hospital, Ein Kerem, to call on him to ask Netanyahu to stop the project.

Ran Cohen (Meretz) called the construction "a crime against peace and a crime against Jerusalem." He said that Netanyahu's ruling out a joint Arab-Jewish neighborhood at the site could bring about "a disaster that only a miracle could avert." Ofir Pines (Labor), joint head of

the Knesset caucus for Jerusalem, called on Netanyahu to postpone the project until a better atmosphere prevails.

Ruby Rivlin (Likud), co-head of the caucus, said that "only when our partners realize there are red lines can we hold a true dialogue with them. We can't have a dialogue under threats. This is a test

not only concerning Jerusalem but concerning our entire relation with the Arabs."

David Rudge adds: Israeli Arab leaders denounced the start of construction. They reiterated concern that it might lead to an eruption of violence and a further deterioration in Israeli-Palestinian relations.

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הכרזת האהבה

School principal testifies:

Naharayim wasn't on itinerary

By ARYEH DEAN COHEN

Naharayim was not on the original itinerary of the eighth-grade school trip that ended last week in the murder of seven Beit Shemesh pupils by a Jordanian soldier, AMIT, Fuser School principal Moshe Yablovich admitted yesterday to the Pressler Committee investigating the incident.

The decision to go to Naharayim was made en route by those responsible for the trip, Yablovich told the committee, on its first day

of hearings.

However, later in the day, Yablovich said the permit the school received for the trip included permission to visit Naharayim and that he has seven different Education Ministry documents encouraging trips to Naharayim as part of the events marking 100 years of Zionism.

Deputy Education Minister Moshe Peled also appeared before the committee. Peled said he told the commission about "how the system works, and how if people



Shlomo Zudkevich, the ministry official responsible for security and safety on school trips, (with back to camera) gives testimony to the committee headed by Brig.-Gen. (res.) Yigal Pressler (second from right).

work according to the regulations, such things don't happen."

"Someone took responsibility on himself" to take the group to Naharayim, he said.

Shlomo Zudkevich, the ministry official responsible for security

and safety on school trips, also testified.

Committee chairman Brig.-Gen. (res.) Yigal Pressler told Israel Radio yesterday that "our investigation will focus on the planning, organization and carrying out of

the trip, taking into consideration the Education Ministry's guidelines and regulations regarding safety and security."

He said he expects the investigation to last two or three weeks.

Children's park to be Naharayim memorial

By DAVID RUDGE

A children's park is to be established at Naharayim in memory of the seven Beit Shemesh schoolgirls who were shot to death by a Jordanian soldier while on a sightseeing trip last week.

The decision was taken yesterday by a Jordanian-Israeli committee that was set up after the massacre.

Gen. Abu Rashed Mansour, the head of the Jordanian delegation, expressed deep sorrow over the incident on behalf of himself, the Jordanian army, and King Hussein.

It was agreed that the park be jointly designed by two architects from Israel and Jordan, in consultation with the mayor of Beit Shemesh and the bereaved families.

The idea of a park at Naharayim was originally approved in the framework of the peace talks between Israel and Jordan. The tragedy at Naharayim last week has given the project a new impetus and efforts are now being made to find funding.

Gita Sherover has already pledged \$100,000 towards the project.



No justice, no peace

Women hold a protest vigil in front of a Tel Aviv courthouse yesterday, part of a national campaign organized by the Na'amat women's organization at courthouses across the country. The organization is demanding an increase in the minimum sentences for sexual and family violence crimes.

(Assaf Shiloah/Israel Sun)

Hebron residents protest against road closing

By MARGOT DUDKEVICH

Protesting the closure of the road leading to their enclave, residents of Tel Rumeida in Hebron refused to send their children to school and demonstrated at the site yesterday, leaving "stalled" cars in front of bulldozers in an attempt to stop the road work.

At mid-morning, the IDF declared the road a closed military zone and demanded that the settlers leave immediately, warning that those who refused would be arrested. Police arrived to enforce the orders.

Women and children holding Israeli flags then proceeded to

walk towards the Avraham Avinu quarter via a road running through H1 - the Palestinian-controlled area - and were stoned. According to Tel Rumeida resident Baruch Marzel, the IDF then declared that road a closed military zone, allowing only vehicles to travel on it.

Marzel said that residents in the area had been told that the road would be closed for a few hours daily but that it had remained closed for eight hours. Tel Rumeida residents, said Marzel, will not send their children to school on the road that passes through H1, despite assurances that the road closing

had been coordinated between the Palestinian Authority and the IDF. Marzel said that Deputy Education Minister Moshe Peled had told him he was opposed to children traveling through H1.

"We opened up classes in Tel Rumeida for the children," said Marzel, who added that the community would probably keep 40 children home again today.

On Monday night, the Hebron community leaders were informed by the civil administration district liaison commander Col. Baruch Magar of plans to repair the road leading to Tel Rumeida.

Salberg likely pick to head Presidents Conference

By MARILYN HENRY

NEW YORK - Attorney Melvin Salberg was expected to be named chairman of the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations late yesterday, sources said. Salberg, who also was installed as president of the American Zionist Movement on Monday, would succeed Leon Levy.

Ronald Lauder, the businessman-philanthropist who is the new president of the Jewish National Fund, had been widely seen as the favorite to head the Presidents' Conference. But Lauder is close to Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, which made some in the Jewish community uneasy, believing that Lauder was too closely associated with the Right to be able to reflect a consensus of the Jewish community.

Once the pre-eminent organization in American Jewish life, the Presidents' Conference had been all but marginalized during the Rabin-Peres years.

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in brief

Kahalani wants A-G's report on PA closures

The Knesset Law Committee is to meet to discuss complaints by Internal Security Minister Avigdor Kahalani that he has not yet received the written opinion of Attorney-General Elyakim Rubinstein on the closure of Palestinian Authority offices in Jerusalem. Rubinstein told reporters Sunday that he had informed Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu and Kahalani orally at the end of last week of the various legal options. MK Moshe Shahal (Labor), who requested the committee meeting, criticized Netanyahu for not keeping the Internal Security Ministry in the picture, saying that he had received Rubinstein's legal opinion several days ago. *Batsheva Thur*

Three dead from heater emissions

The bodies of a man and woman who apparently died from toxic gas while sleeping, were found yesterday afternoon in their apartment in Jerusalem's Gilo neighborhood.

Police and Magen David Adom medics who arrived at the scene, first assumed it was suicide. However, signs in the room indicated that poisonous carbon monoxide had leaked from the heater and had been inhaled.

The couple, both aged about 50, were taken to the Institute for Forensic Medicine at Abu Kabir to determine the cause of death. A seven-year-old girl also died in Jerusalem yesterday under similar circumstances. *Itim*

Hochberg remand extended

The Rehovot Magistrate's Court yesterday remanded suspected murderer Dr. Amiram Hochberg, 50, for 13 more days. Police said they requested that the remand be extended because Hochberg has refused to cooperate with investigators and had not yet made a statement. He is suspected of murdering his common-law wife, Shlomit Bleichman, and her mother, Ida, last May. *Itim*

Soldiers punished for hitting children

An IDF soldier was sentenced to 21 days of restricted duties and removed from his post, while another soldier was confined to his base for 21 days, for hitting Palestinian children. Two Palestinian youths approached the police in Hebron on Sunday afternoon to report the act, committed by soldiers serving in the area. The subsequent IDF investigation found that one of the soldiers slapped one of the youths and the second soldier pushed the other, after the youths had insulted the soldiers. *Itim*

Beautiful Hospital Competition to start in May

The Health Ministry is encouraging all hospitals to compete in the Beautiful Hospital Competition, organized this year for the second time by the Council for a Beautiful Israel. The competition will begin in May, and the winners will be announced in December. *Judy Siegel*

Doctor: Many c-sections were unnecessary

The number of cesarean sections can be cut nearly in half without endangering mothers or their babies, according to Dr. Haim Yaffe, director of obstetrics at Jerusalem's Bikur Holim Hospital. In recent years, cesareans constituted as many as 15% of all deliveries in the country, even though many of them are not required for medical reasons, he said. *Judy Siegel*



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in brief

Rabbinate: Civil divorces not acceptable

Women immigrants who went through civil divorce proceedings in their countries of origin are being required to undergo a second, religious divorce by rabbinical courts here, the Knesset Immigration and Absorption Committee was told yesterday.

Committee member MK Naomi Chazan (Meretz) said that some 30,000 single-parent families headed by women had immigrated here in the past seven years, and that "some of the women will remain agnate if they are unable to locate their husbands to go through a second divorce according to Halacha."

Chazan suggested that Israel's representatives in the CIS include rabbinic representatives who would explain the situation to women before they immigrate.

Aryeh Dean Cohen

MDA sanctions reduce hospitals' blood supply

The supply of blood to hospitals was reduced drastically yesterday, as Magen David Adom workers applied sanctions over the organization's non-payment of a special allotment given to hospital lab workers and biochemists. Only 150 units of blood and blood components were transferred to the hospitals, instead of the 1,400 units on an average day. In addition, during the day shift, ambulances are not going out on call unless there is an accompanying medic along with the driver. Health Minister Yehoshua Matza, who is abroad, has asked the Treasury to respond to the demands by tomorrow.

Judy Siegel

Police crack down on pirate radio

The police have agreed to "act immediately" against all pirate radio stations, especially those that interfere with air traffic control. In addition, in a meeting with Communications Minister Limor Livnat, all relevant ministries agree to act quickly to legislate stricter laws deterring pirates. The government will look into the possibility of refusing to recognize the expenses, for tax purposes, of those that advertise on pirate stations. The Communications Ministry's unit for catching pirate stations will be boosted in manpower and funds, it was announced yesterday.

Judy Siegel

Religious-secular rift troubles education official

The increasing polarization between secular and observant Israelis is the most worrisome source of tension today, even more than matters of state, Education Ministry Director-General Ben Zion Dell said yesterday.

Dell, speaking to a gathering of principals on education towards values, said the gap between religious and secular has replaced that which existed previously between ethnic groups, which has narrowed in recent years.

In light of the worsening relations between the secular and observant, Dell said educators must not give up, or feel the situation is hopeless.

Aryeh Dean Cohen

Post office registration ends phony car sales

Sales of used cars by people who don't own them has been eliminated by the on-line registration of vehicles at post offices, some of them located on the premises of vehicle licensing and testing institutes, Postal Authority director-general Moshe Tery said yesterday. He said that last year, 340,000 vehicles changed hands via post office registration. Previously, a lien was attached to cars bought by honest residents who had not made sure that the seller really owned the vehicle. Also in the past, many people received traffic and parking tickets for offenses committed by the person who had previously owned the car.

Judy Siegel

MKs undergo glaucoma tests

Jerusalem's Shaare Zedek Hospital yesterday sent ophthalmologists to the Knesset to conduct a painless eye-pressure test on all who requested it. Some 200 MKs and Knesset staffers underwent checks, and a number were referred for further tests and treatment for glaucoma. A mobile unit, donated to the hospital by US philanthropist Sam Rothberg, recently began making the rounds of factories, schools, and other institutions for the early detection of glaucoma. The disease causes the sufferer gradually to lose his field of vision due to pressure by fluid located between the cornea and the lens. There are no symptoms until it's too late. Pressure can be reduced by the regular use of special eye drops.

Judy Siegel

Pharmacists to battle smoking

The Israel Pharmacists Association is launching a campaign to encourage people to quit smoking and will try to persuade the print media to stop accepting cigarette advertising.

IPA chairman Howard Reiss said it will support the efforts of European pharmacist organizations that have signed a commitment against smoking. The local campaign will begin this spring in community pharmacies. Pharmacists will bar smoking in their establishments and advise smokers on ways of kicking the habit.

Judy Siegel

Book: PLO dialogue began in '85

By ELDAD BECK

PARIS — Negotiations between Israel and the PLO started in the mid-1980s and were initiated by the General Security Service, according to a book that will be published in France today.

According to *Peace or Wars: Secret Arab-Israeli Negotiations Between 1977 and 1997*, written by Charles Enderlin, the Israel-based correspondent of French TV channel France-2, during these negotiations PLO chairman Yasser Arafat had already accepted the idea of an Israeli withdrawal from the Gaza Strip and autonomy in this region.

Enderlin, who based his book on exclusive documents and interviews of numer-

ous political leaders in the Middle East, reveals that in July 1984, few days before the elections to the 10th Knesset, GSS chief Avraham Shalom and his deputy Reuven Hazak decided to put prime minister Yitzhak Shamir in a situation in which he could not refuse to establish secret contacts with the PLO.

To convince Shamir, Shalom and Hazak told him that the contacts would concern missing Israeli soldiers. Shamir agreed to entrust the mission to the GSS and a Canadian middleman, Steve Cohen, who had held talks with the PLO since the early '70s.

The first contacts between Yossi Ginosar, then the GSS representative in the US, and

Said Kamal, a member of the Fatah took place in New York in July 1985. A small ministerial committee, headed by prime minister Shimon Peres and defense minister Yitzhak Rabin, guided the contacts. Shamir, the foreign minister, was not a member of the committee, but was informed about the details of the contacts, and never opposed them, even when he was told that they dealt with an eventual political solution to the Israel-Palestinian conflict.

The Israeli attack on PLO headquarters in Tunis, the *Achille Lauro* affair, and the Bus 300 affair delayed the continuation of the contacts and the start of the negotiations until February '86, when the first secret negotiations took place in Paris.

Participating were Shlomo Gazit, former head of the IDF intelligence, Ginosar, Hani Hassan, Arafat's top political adviser, Kamal, and Cohen. Other meetings followed in Paris and Brussels.

The last meeting took place in Paris on April 3, 1986 without achieving real progress. The resignation of Shalom and Ginosar following their implication in the Bus 300 scandal put an end to the secret talks, since the new GSS head, Yossi Hermelin, decided that it was not the job of his service to deal with such political negotiations. He asked Peres' authorization to stop contacts with the PLO. Peres refused, but Shamir who replaced Peres as PM few weeks later immediately agreed.

Spy's letters to MKs raise ire of Justice Ministry

By BATSEVA TSUR

The Justice Ministry is examining the possibility of amending the Prisons Law so that it will be possible to censor letters containing classified information that prisoners send to MKs, the ministry spokesperson said yesterday.

She was commenting on a report in *Yediot Aharonot* that convicted spy Mordechai Vanunu had written hundreds of letters containing classified information.

The censor stopped most of them, but, since letters to MKs are not censored, those he reportedly wrote to Israeli-Arab MKs went through.

"The existing regulations allow the prison director to open inmates' letters for censorship purposes... and this has several times stood up in court," spokesperson Etti Eshed said yesterday. But, she said, it was being checked whether this also could be applied to letters sent to MKs and whether the law required amendment.

Vanunu is serving an 18-year sentence for providing the *Sunday Times* of London with pictures and documents allegedly proving Israel had nuclear weapons in Dimona.

The Supreme Court had banned publication of details about the case, but the routine censorship of his letters revealed that Vanunu was ignoring the court order. The information he had passed on to the Israeli-Arab MKs was "top secret," Eshed said.

Eshed said that the regulation was being examined also in connection with other cases. Recently, MK Azmi Bishara (Hadash) petitioned the High Court of Justice with regard to a group of 18 Lebanese prisoners who have been jailed for the past decade in Israel. The prisoners had sent Bishara a letter containing information said to be classified.



Of general interest

Lt. Gen. (ret.) Ted Stroup (right), one of nine retired US generals and military commanders here with the Washington-based Jewish Institute for National Security Affairs, chats with Maj. Gen. (res.) Shlomo Gazit (center) and Maj. Gen. (res.) Yossi Porat yesterday. The delegation is also spending two days on the Golan Heights to examine its strategic importance. (Ilan Ossendyker/Jerusalem Post)

C'ttee: Yom Ha'atzmaut costs out of line

By LIAT COLLINS

The cost of Yom Ha'atzmaut festivities are nothing to celebrate, according to the Knesset Interior Committee, which discussed the issue yesterday.

The committee decided to publish a list of municipalities which exceed their budget and invite Yom Ha'atzmaut performers for astronomical fees. The committee heard that some municipalities pay more than NIS 100,000 for a 30-minute performance.

It demanded that the Interior Ministry prepare clear guidelines on the subject, noting that this is particularly important this year because of the upcoming municipal elections.

Chairman Sallah Tarif (Labor) said the amounts paid out are particularly unacceptable given the large budget deficits many municipalities have.

At the outset of the meeting,

there was an argument between the MKs and entertainers and their managers, who were invited to attend. The politicians threatened to establish a cartel to determine the rates paid performers. Micha Goldmann (Labor) said many mayors try to attract big name stars, no matter the cost, to add to their own popularity.

Danny Shalem, representing the impresarios, said it is a free market and competition causes prices to rise. He said the entertainers rely on these performances.

Entertainer Menahem Zilberman said the complaints are unjustified: "Artists not only don't earn anything from television performances, they usually lose because of the expenses. Success is not an insurance policy — (the money) has to last over several years." He suggested preparing a tender for cultural events.

Panel discusses radioactive waste

By LIAT COLLINS

The Knesset Science and Technology Committee yesterday held a discussion on the handling of radioactive waste and decided to tour the storage area of the Dimona Nuclear Research Center, where all radioactive waste is dealt with.

Dr. Ephraim Eskolai, a senior safety adviser for the Atomic Energy Commission, told the committee that radioactive waste is dealt with in a professional manner, according to strict international standards. He said, however, that although there has never been an accident or leak here, he could not promise that there would never be an incident. He said the authorities are prepared to handle an accident.

Eskolai repeated statements by Environment Minister Rafael

Eitan that the ministry monitors the air, soil, and water for signs of radioactive pollution and has found nothing that could endanger the population.

The meeting was marked by an argument over the propriety of an open discussion of the issue. Uzi Landau, chairman of the Foreign Affairs and Defense Committee, came to the science committee meeting especially to protest the subject being discussed there. He said the topic should be dealt with by his committee, which meets behind closed doors. But Dedi Zucker (Meretz) said the public must be allowed to hear what is going on.

Prof. Uzi Even, head of the chemistry department at Tel Aviv University, said the main problem is that methods of storage are only temporary and would have to be checked again in the future.

'Fish TV' helps researchers study Red Sea

By JUDY SIEGEL

An acoustic device developed in California called "Fish TV" — which simulates the activity of tiny sea animals called zooplankton — is being used for the first

time to explain the behavior of the aquatic population of the Gulf of Eilat and the Red Sea.

Preliminary findings from the use of the device, invented by engineer Dr. Jules Jaffe of the Scripps Institute of Oceanography

in San Diego, were presented at this week's second international Red Sea Conference in Eilat. The research, only half completed, is being carried out by Dr. Amatzia Genin of the Hebrew University in Jerusalem and Eilat's Inter-

University Marine Research Institute.

The event, which ends today, drew 120 marine biologists and other experts from Israel, Egypt, Germany, Jordan and the Palestinian Authority.

Genin became familiar with Jaffe's plans for developing an acoustic underwater device when he conducted research at Scripps.

"I immediately recognized the benefit it could have to the study of zooplankton, which can be as small as one-millimeter long; the technique can also be applied to air traffic control, 3-D imaging of moving things, medicine and a number of other fields," he said.

Zooplankton are the most important link in the marine food chain. Knowing how they react under different ecological conditions is important in understand-

ing why some areas have a large amount of zooplankton while others have almost none, and how they affect the coral reef.

Jaffe's device is similar to an ultrasound scan performed on a fetus, except that it can cover a five-square-meter area simultaneously by inserting transducers into the water. These emit echoes — like a bat — at such high frequency that they don't disturb underwater life, Genin said. A computer then translates the data into a virtual image on a screen.

The researchers believe that the zooplankton off Eilat swim against the current, which pushes them down, but they battle to preserve their place in the water.

"We hope to work in Akaba, where we believe the winds force the tiny animals up rather than down," Genin said.

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North Korean defector flees to Philippines

MANILA (Reuters) - In an operation shrouded in secrecy, the highest North Korean official to flee the Stalinist state flew into the Philippines from China yesterday and was quickly whisked away to an undisclosed hideaway.

Senior military officials said Hwang Jang-yop, Pyongyang's top ideologue who had been marooned in Seoul's Beijing mission for nearly five weeks, arrived at the former US Clark airbase near Manila.

He then boarded a military helicopter bound for the mountain resort city of Baguio, 200 km north of Manila, said the senior officers, who asked not to be identified.

The cloak-and-dagger nature of his flight, which could have come out of the pages of a Cold War spy novel, lingered for hours after his reported arrival in the Philippines.

There was no official confirmation that Hwang, accompanied by at least three other people, had arrived in Baguio.

President Fidel Ramos said he had no information on the matter. "No, I have not received a report," Ramos said, adding, "I will verify that and later on, whatever be the result, we will have the Department of Foreign Affairs issue a statement."

Foreign Undersecretary Rodolfo Severino, who cancelled a news briefing, said: "I am waiting for orders."

Days before Hwang's arrival, senior military officials cloaked his identity by telling officers chosen to protect him that a "foreign investor is coming."

A Filipino diplomat said: "The military may be misleading you. Remember that this is a top security operation."

Beijing and Seoul both confirmed that Hwang, architect of North Korea's ruling ideology of strict self-reliance and 24th in the impoverished country's hierarchy, had left China but refused to say where he was taken.

"What I can tell you is that through consultations among all sides, the problem has already been solved," said Foreign Ministry spokesman Cui Tiankai.

Hwang wanted to go to Seoul but Filipino diplomats said he had to be taken elsewhere first to minimize embarrassment to North Korea.

Military sources said Hwang could stay in the Philippines from three days to a week. A senior Seoul official said Hwang would stay in a third country "for a considerable period of time" before coming to South Korea.

Officials shrouded Hwang's clandestine escape from Beijing in clouds of rumor and confusion.

At about 8:00 p.m. Monday, three minibuses with darkened windows drove slowly out from the diplomatic quarter of Beijing, driving around the armored personnel carriers, traffic bollards and police carrying assault rifles who had guarded the mission since Hwang slipped in.

Yeltsin ready for Helsinki

By TIMOTHY HERITAGE

MOSCOW (Reuters) - President Boris Yeltsin goes into tomorrow's summit with US President Bill Clinton looking unexpectedly firmly in control in Russia after a government shake-up which has completed his dramatic political comeback.

Doubts remain over the 66-year-old Kremlin leader's long-term health and ability to carry out the bold reforms heralded by Monday's unveiling of the most far-reaching cabinet changes since 1991. A relapse at any time cannot be ruled out.

But a string of table-thumping rebukes for his ministers, some fiery defence of Russia's interests on the world stage and his clear physical improvement after illness project an image of strength unimaginable only a few weeks ago.

"This is again the very Yeltsin who decisively began reforms in Russia," presidential ally Alexander Livshits said, despite losing his post as deputy prime minister and finance minister.

Many independent observers would hesitate to compare the much thinner-looking Yeltsin of today with the vigorous leader who launched economic reforms after



Russian President Boris Yeltsin (Reuters) becoming president in 1991. But with immaculate timing before the Helsinki summit, at which Yeltsin wants to

prove he is well and firmly back at the helm, the president has asserted his authority much more quickly and firmly than seemed likely a few weeks ago.

"Yeltsin looks stronger by the day. Barring emergencies, he could survive politically until the end of his term (in 2000)," said Andrei Piontkowski, head of the independent Center for Strategic Studies think-tank.

Yeltsin's tactics have been straightforward. He has seized every opportunity to look tough and show who is boss.

He pulled no punches in a state-of-the-nation speech on March 6, saying openly that the country was in a dreadful mess but resolutely pledging to end the chaos.

He has toughened resistance to NATO's eastward expansion plans, showing communist and nationalist foes that he is not about to give in to the West and portraying himself as responsible by saying he will avert a return to the Cold War.

Monday's reshuffle was the culmination of his comeback. He brought in liberal reformers at the expense of relative conservatives and signalled the start of a major new drive for economic change.

"Yeltsin now portrays the image of a

strong politician. At the summit he will say he is defending Russian interests while not letting the world slide into a second Cold War," Piontkowski said.

"The West and Clinton will help Yeltsin because they want to support him, seeing no alternative to him." Despite Yeltsin's recovery, many questions remain about his health and political will to carry the reforms through, and they can be answered only with time.

"The government changes show a serious shift towards reformers but now the key is whether Yeltsin is really ready and able to inject the political capital needed to push through the reforms," said political analyst Andrei Kortumov.

Yeltsin has promised many times to reform the economy, end poverty, pay wages and pensions on time, crack down on crime and corruption and reform the underfunded armed forces. Many of his promises have proved empty.

Similarly, he has bounced back from illness before only to fall ill again. He recovered from two heart attacks in 1995 to fight an energetic and successful re-election campaign last year, but was taken ill when victory was in sight.



Modern-day Earhart
Texan Linda Finch points to a crowd of well-wishers before boarding her Lockheed Electra 10E, one of two left in existence, Monday in Oakland, California. Flying east, Finch is attempting to complete aviator Amelia Earhart's around-the-world flight in an identical aircraft, exactly sixty years after Earhart's flight. Her flight plan includes stops in 20 countries before landing back in Oakland in May. Earhart's plane was lost in the Pacific during her 1937 attempt. (AP)

Albanian refugee, food crises loom

TIRANA (Reuters) - The pace of the refugee exodus from Albania picked up yesterday as people desperate to leave their anarchic country packed into anything that floated and paddled or sailed out to sea.

The Albanian government appealed to a visiting European Union mission for urgent financial aid to get the country back on its feet after weeks of unrest, saying it was facing a serious food crisis after government grain stocks were looted.

An alliance of 11 political parties repeated an appeal for President Sali Berisha to step down as the best way of restoring order in Europe's poorest country.

In the south of Albania rebels who seized arms and took control of the region in fury, blaming the government for a string of investment scheme collapses, have given Berisha until March 20 to quit. It was not clear how they intended to back the threat.

Parliament speaker Pjeter Arbori described the ultimatum as an attempt to destabilize the country and called for all political parties to observe an agreement on national reconciliation, signed with Berisha last week.

The situation in the capital

Zairean rebels target Kinshasa

KISANGANI (Reuters) - Zairean rebel leader Laurent Kabila declared a ceasefire around the captured city of Kisangani yesterday and said Kinshasa and a diamond center were the next targets.

The Congolese Red Cross meanwhile said members of ailing President Mobutu Sese Seko's family had joined Zaireans taking refuge in neighboring Congo in the face of rebel advances.

At rebel headquarters in the eastern border city of Goma, Kabila said he was declaring a temporary ceasefire for 20 km around Kisangani to allow in aid and let people return.

"We will not go to Ubundu while the ceasefire at Kisangani holds if they (Zairean troops) do not attack us," Kabila told a news conference. Some 100,000 refugees fleeing the rebels are massed around Ubundu, 100 km southeast of Kisangani.

Addressing more than 10,000 supporters in Goma yesterday, Kabila said the next rebel targets were the capital and the diamond-mining capital of Mbuji-Mayi in central Kasai region. He said he could reach Kinshasa by June.

St. Patrick revelers fall silent for 1.5 million dead in 'Great Hunger'

By JOHN SHANAHAN

NEW YORK (AP) - The lit of Irish music suddenly stopped. The pipes and drums went silent. The cheering ceased.

The mood became abruptly solemn as the New York St. Patrick's Day Parade halted and marchers and spectators paused in memory of 1.5 million Irish who died in the "Great Hunger" which peaked 150 years ago in "Black 47."

"They were absolutely silent. You could hear a pin drop," said New York parade grand marshal John Lahey.

It was the potato famine that touched off the great wave of Irish immigration to the United States.

That heritage was evident not only in New York, where the 236th annual parade attracted 150,000 marchers and a million or more spectators. People from Cleveland to Savannah, Georgia, turned every shade of green for the

occasion: green beer, green grits, green milkshakes and green newsprint.

Police arrested two people early yesterday morning for their involvement in a minor brawl, said police spokesman Kevin Mulrooney. He said the unidentified pair were charged with unlawful assembly, but not with assault.

In a separate incident, 35 demonstrators from the Irish Lesbian and Gay Organization, again barred from marching, were arrested for blocking traffic.

"We're Irish, we're queer, we'll be here every year" supporters of ILGO chanted as they sat in the middle of Fifth Avenue outside the New York Public Library near 42nd Street.

Boston had its parade a day early and on Monday, subway riders were given copies of poems by Irish poet and playwright William Butler Yeats.

St. Patrick's Day was a holiday for one last time in Briarwood

Beach, Ohio, a village of 700 that is merging with a neighboring community. It had been the only Ohio town to designate March 17 a legal holiday. Not that there ever was a parade.

"I thought it would have been appropriate to have a corned-beef dinner, with Irish music and dancing," said Councilman George Rivers. "But we don't have a hall or anything in the village."

In suburban Blue Springs, a few km east of Kansas City, Grand Marshal Dody Liddle led four marchers some 20 meters across a street for what's billed as the shortest St. Patrick's Day parade in America.

"As you can see, I called out all the troops," said Police Chief H. L. Brown, pointing to two officers working traffic and crowd control.

In New York, the celebration for Ireland's patron saint otherwise was a spectacle of bands, kilied bagpipers, military marching units and smiling spectators.

Major fights back

LONDON (Reuters) - Prime Minister John Major, in a feisty display designed to rally Conservative troops, fought back yesterday after opinion polls predicted his election defeat and Britain's best-selling newspaper, *The Sun*, endorsed his rival.

In his first direct confrontation with Labor leader Tony Blair since he announced the election date of May 1, Major said only the ruling Conservatives could have delivered Britain's booming economy.

In a performance that brought Conservative members of parliament cheering to their feet, Major threw back Blair's taunts that the government had plunged the National Health Service into crisis.

Blair had accused Major of allowing the health service to run short of money and staff and of creating "a grave and potentially disastrous situation."

Major, claiming only his Conservatives were committed to increasing funding on health care, responded: "Labor may have set up the health service but we have built it up."

The spat followed the opening news conferences of the long election campaign. Blair told wary voters that Labor was not hiding its old tax-and-spend instincts only to return to its old socialist ways after the election.

"We promise only what we will deliver and we will deliver what we promise," he said.

BUILDING

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At the hilltop tent camp facing Har Homa, Palestinian leader Faisal Hussein said the start of construction meant that protesting Palestinians were left with only one option: "to take to the streets."

Arafat turned down an appeal by Netanyahu for a meeting Monday night, and Netanyahu said he did not see a meeting in the works, although he termed one "essential." Nonetheless, Netanyahu claimed his relationship with Arafat is "good" and "honorable."

But in an interview with foreign reporters, Netanyahu took the offensive against the PA. "I am saying that our intelligence shows very clearly, unmistakably, that the Palestinian leadership has given the green light to the worst terrorist organizations in the world to go ahead with the kind of bus bombings and suicide attacks - the kind of mass killings that brought a halt to the peace process," he said.

Netanyahu charged that the release of Hamas "murderer" Ibrahim Makadmeh from prison last week was a "signal" to permit attacks. PA officials deny this.

Dore Gold, Netanyahu's foreign policy adviser, said that Israel does not believe there could be spontaneous violence due to the PA's massive security apparatus, for which Arafat, he said, controls the "switch."

US officials privately said Hamas leaders emerged from a March 9 meeting with PA officials with the perception they would acquiesce to attacks, but stressed there is no hard evidence to suggest that any PA official okayed terror.

In Channel 1 interview last night, Netanyahu dismissed Palestinian statements that the peace process is over, and defended his action as keeping faith with Israel's past. "For 3,000 years, Jews dreamed of Jerusalem," he declared.

Asked if he was ready to meet Netanyahu without conditions, Arafat said: "I make no conditions," but aides interpreted this to mean Netanyahu must not impose conditions.

"Arafat cannot meet Netanyahu while the bulldozers are working. That would look like he accepts them," one aide said.

Earlier yesterday, Arafat told Yuval Rabin, head of A Whole Generation Seeks Peace, "We face a government which has many members who do not under-

stand peace, and we will have to convince them by all means."

Rabin said later he had requested the meeting to persuade Arafat that Palestinian violence would not help the peace process. His request for a meeting with Netanyahu to tell him that Israel had a right to build on Har Homa, but the timing was wrong, went unanswered, he added.

Meretz MK Yossi Sarid, who met with Arafat later, addressed the same issue, telling him, "Don't be so excited... It's a long and very complicated process, and I hope it will be possible in the near future to stop it."

Last night, Arafat was to call his higher security committee into what was billed as an emergency session, although the committee meets at least twice a week. Political factions, including opposition groups, were meeting in different towns to discuss Har Homa, Qurie said.

The Palestinian Legislative Council is to convene tomorrow to elect new officials, and Jerusalem and settlements will again play a central part in the debate, he said.

Elli Wohlgelemer contributed to this report.

50 feared dead in Russian plane crash

MOSCOW (AP) - A civilian airliner crashed in southern Russia yesterday morning and all 50 people on board were feared dead.

One Russian official said an explosion was suspected.

The Stavropol Airlines AN-24 plane crashed after taking off from the southern city of Stavropol, said Viktor Beltsova, a spokesman for the Emergency Situations Ministry.

The 41 passengers and nine crew members were all believed killed when the plane slammed into a wooded area near the city of Cherkessk, about 90 km south of Stavropol, the spokesman said.

Rescue workers flew to the site and have identified at least 24 bodies, said Vladimir Khubiyev, president of the Karachayevo-Cherkessia region, told the Interfax news agency.

The airliner appeared to have exploded in the air because plane fragments and human remains were scattered over a 6-km-wide area, Erkenov was quoted as saying.

The plane was flying at 6,000 meters when it disappeared off radar screens and crashed at 10:30 a.m., officials said. It was headed to the northern Turkish city of Trabzon, on the Black Sea coast, 400 km south of Stavropol.

Trabzon is a popular destination among the estimated 1 million Russian "shuttle traders" who visit Turkey every year to buy inexpensive clothing and consumer goods they can sell at a profit back home.

A Turkish television station, quoting airline officials, reported that no Turks were on the plane.

Stavropol Airlines is one of the many private airlines that have emerged since the 1991 breakup of the Soviet Union. Many of the airlines have poor safety records and there have been numerous crashes in the former Soviet republics in recent years.

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Shabbat in Ramat Aviv

While all eyes are on the Har Homa standoff, another conflict is heating up over whether a new mall in the Tel Aviv neighborhood of Ramat Aviv will be open on Shabbat. As usual, the involvement of politicians in the dispute is complicating, rather than diffusing, the conflict.

It all began when a religious businessman, Lev Leviev, bought a controlling interest in the Africa Israel, which owns the soon-to-be-completed Ramat Aviv mall. The mall, which will be one of the largest in the Tel Aviv area, was expected to be open on Shabbat, like many other malls in predominantly secular areas of the country.

The dozens of businesses that signed contracts with Africa Israel to open shop in the mall, including Israel Theaters and McDonald's, planned on the weekend shoppers to maximize their profits. But earlier this month, Leviev convinced the board of Africa Israel to change its plans and keep the mall closed on Shabbat.

The conflict quickly blossomed from a contract dispute between the mall and its tenants — still to be resolved — to a full-fledged test of wills between Israel's secular and religious camps. Am Hofshi ("A Free People"), a secular-rights group, is threatening to organize a consumer boycott of the mall if it stays closed on Shabbat. Backing this same aggressive line is Tel Aviv Mayor Ronni Milo, who declared that if "Bnei Brak" tries to impose its will on Ramat Aviv, Ramat Aviv would take the battle to Bnei Brak.

Milo threatened, in effect, that the secular citizens of Tel Aviv, outraged by the potential impairment of their right to shop on Shabbat, would drive through haredi Bnei Brak on the day of rest. For good measure, Deputy Mayor Dan Darin (Meretz), threatened to deny new building permits to Africa Israel if the mall is closed on Shabbat.

Predictably, Milo's threats were a major agenda item at Monday's meeting of the Agudat Yisrael Party. Party secretary Menahem Porush reportedly said at the conference that the haredi public would isolate Milo and destroy him politically. Aguda chairman Avraham Shapira called on the religious parties to emulate the tactics of the Land of Israel Front and pool their Knesset members into a "Force 23" that would defend the Shabbat with threats to bring down the government.

When the dust is cleared from all this political posturing, there is a question of who, if anyone,

is coercing whom. The tenants of the mall, who bought into the project thinking it would be open on Shabbat, would seem to have a legitimate beef with Africa Israel, since the rules were changed midstream.

But even if there is an unkosher element in what Africa Israel, at Leviev's insistence, has done to its tenants, the issue at hand is still primarily a contract dispute, not a matter of religion and state. This is not an example of the government imposing religious laws, but of a private company making a decision that, even if contrary to its financial interests, is within its rights.

The political uproar has little to do with defending the tenants' rights. Rather, it is about whether the rights of secular people are being violated by depriving them of the services of a particular mall on Shabbat. Some commentators claim that the struggle is on an even loftier level, and involves whether the culture and lifestyle of secular residents will be treated with respect equal to that accorded religious ones.

The attempt to impose symmetry is, in this case, mistaken. It is one thing to claim that secular people have the right to live their lives free of religious coercion; quite another to claim that closing a business on Shabbat is as offensive to a secular person as keeping one open is to the religiously observant. It might not make either extreme happy, but most Israelis probably prefer a situation in which businesses are not forced to be either closed or open on Shabbat, and that there is a mixture of the two.

Even in famously secular Ramat Aviv, the neighborhood council is divided on this issue. Some members of the council wanted the mall closed on Shabbat to preserve the quality of life in an area known as "Green Ramat Aviv." Even many people who shop on Shabbat would probably regret it if there were no lessening in the commercial hubbub on Shabbat.

If anything, this supposed example of religious coercion might better be seen as a test of religious freedom: Do business owners have the right to manage their property in a manner consistent with their religious values, or will they be compelled by the Jewish state to violate Shabbat?

With the growing political muscle of religious parties beginning to be felt, the concern of increased religious coercion is a valid one. The flap concerning the Ramat Aviv mall, however, is a case of secular politicians choosing crass extremism over common sense, and threatening the same kind of coercion they claim to oppose.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

ONE-SIDED

Sir, — The whole world is now vehemently condemning Israel, and no matter how many concessions it makes they are never sufficient.

Why is the Palestinian Authority, whose agreed upon police force of some 20,000 has now grown to an army of 85,000 trained, well-armed soldiers, not condemned for their actions? And why have no accusations been leveled against the PA for their actions in establishing "facts on the ground" by having illegal offices in Jerusalem, including Orient House?

Why does not Israel complain, constantly, to the United Nations, that the clauses calling for the destruction of Israel have not been finally deleted from the Palestinian charter? Why must all the "confidence-building measures" come only from Israel?

Why is "trust" one-sided? Will the world only discover that it has twisted Israel's arm too hard when that limb breaks, and it is no longer in a position to defend itself from antagonistic Middle East. Are we to know no peace?

NORMAN COHEN

Jerusalem.

WRONG TARGET

Sir, — If there is any country in this world that likes to shoot itself in the foot, it is Israel. The harassment the Christians are subject to is a shame. The government should go after the ones that knock on people's doors giving out Christian literature.

This month we were disturbed three times by beautiful Russians knocking on our door. I take their literature only because it will be one less home they will disturb. Our government should put large advertisements in the Russian papers saying "It's against the law!"

EVELYN DAR-EL

Haifa.

WHAT'S IN A NAME

Sir, — What's in a name? Everything. Much of the intensifying pressure and growing hostility between Israel and the Palestinian Authority is a result of a label. Har Homa viewed as part of "Jerusalem" symbolizes the concerns of the opposing sides and has enormous political/religious significance.

What would be the case if Har Homa, instead of being called "Jerusalem," was labeled "Sur Bahir 2," or a totally neutral title like "Rehovot" or "Boston" or "Los Angeles"? Facts on the ground, geographically/physically, would be expected to be the same, would they not?

The same need for housing, the same distance from this region to various offices located in or near the center of the city — but there would be a great cooling and calming down. Are we not shooting ourselves in the foot in having adopted a certain modern, greatly expanded map of Jerusalem as the ultimate defining source of what should carry this famous inflammatory name?

I suggest that we consider concepts like "core Jerusalem," and "suburban Jerusalem." "Core Jerusalem" might be the Old City plus a few kilometers in the western and southern directions. This could well do a great deal to defuse the ongoing friction that is eroding hopes for a self-respecting peace.

RABBI JOSEPH HECKELMAN

Safad.

PLEAS FOR IBA NEWS

Sir, — The 6:15 p.m. IBA English News on Channel 1 is our lifeline to events which affect our lives here in Israel. We never miss a broadcast and if we are not at home we videotape it. The presenters are like old friends, and their professionalism is appreciated. There are many English-speaking citizens who, like us, object to being dismissed as unimportant.

Please add our pleas to the many we feel sure you will hear from, on the threatened cancellation of IBA news.

DR. AND MRS. R. KARAT

Herzliya Pituah.

KING'S GREATNESS

Sir, — King Hussein's visit to the bereaved families shows his greatness as a leader and a human being. His genuine expression of sympathy which we saw on television doubtless left a deep and lasting impression on everybody in Israel. The Middle East would be a much more peaceful region had the other leaders in the area the courage and humanity of King Hussein.

To His Majesty King Hussein I would like to say *kol hakavod*. May we see the other Arab leaders around Israel give up their threatening posture and follow King Hussein's lead.

SHIMRYA SEGAL

Kiron.

DISTURBING SCENARIO

Sir, — After having been cleared in his recent trial, David Appel is quoted as having said, "If Dudu Appel wants an appointment (to the government) to be made, you can be sure it will be done." He refers, of course, to the immense "cloud" he has with government leaders.

If this situation is true, it presents us with a very disturbing, if not frightening, scenario under which the people of Israel are being governed (if one can call it that). Perhaps, this time Dudu overreached himself? If true, it is indeed sad for all of us.

LEONARD ZURAKOV

Netanya.

TRAFFIC ON THE BEACH

Sir, — Very often I spend time on the beach in Netanya playing with my grandchildren, ages five and eight. Frequently, cars drive to and fro on the sand.

Sometimes the children and toddlers nearby must run to get out of the way of the traffic. Do we have to wait until a child or a toddler is run over before law-enforcement from the Netanya administration prevents traffic on the beach?

HELEN GOLDMAN

Netanya.

Before calamity descends

Zero hour has arrived — for Jerusalem, for the future of the process with the Palestinians, for the path on which our nation continues in this country. Because of this, every member of the government must stand up now and state publicly — so it's there in black and white for a future commission of inquiry — that he or she is ready to take responsibility for sending the first bulldozer up Har Homa to begin leveling the land.

Once that bulldozer goes up, once the government — rightly or wrongly — goes up the hill, the scenario that will follow, the sorry sequence of events, is clear. It's one of those cases where the end is visible right from the very beginning.

After the unavoidable eruption of violence, after the many, many dead on both sides are counted, after the fierce condemnation of Israel in the Security Council — with no American veto to save us this time — the prime minister will have to give in and go back to square one.

For despite the victory of the right-wing camp in the elections, Israel ultimately lacks the power to defeat the US when Washington sees a particular action as risky to its own interests.

So perhaps we'll stop sending them aid; perhaps we'll even

YORAM KANIUK

deploy our F15s to punish them — though it will be hard to find a refueling station along the way. And perhaps our shekels wouldn't make the Americans so happy, anyway.

YOU can't judge an issue like Har Homa by looking down on it from the ideological heights. Har Homa isn't really Jerusalem — and even if we dream that it is, surely we

Let every member of this government stand up and declare: We know what will happen, and we take responsibility

could wait until after the permanent settlement to try to realize our dream.

The justice of our stand on Har Homa is very shaky; that may be overstating it. More than that, it is far from wise.

After the punishment that is certain to come, we will feel the

brunt of the world's anger. And after our inevitable defeat, as we gaze at our empty national coffers, what will it matter that Prime Minister Netanyahu is angry at Mayor Olmert for hemming him in on the hill?

This government calls itself "national" (as opposed to the anti-national government of Yitzhak Rabin).

So let this national government arise, down to every last member, and declare publicly: We have made this decision collectively, in full knowledge of the tragedy that will follow.

Let it stand up before — and not after — the defeat, before the punishment, before the bloodshed.

Let no one be able to say, as they did with the tunnel last September: I didn't know. That sort of preflighting excuse, the shifting of responsibility onto others makes me think of H.L. Menckin, who observed that the fact that roses smell better than cauliflower doesn't necessarily make it a better soup.

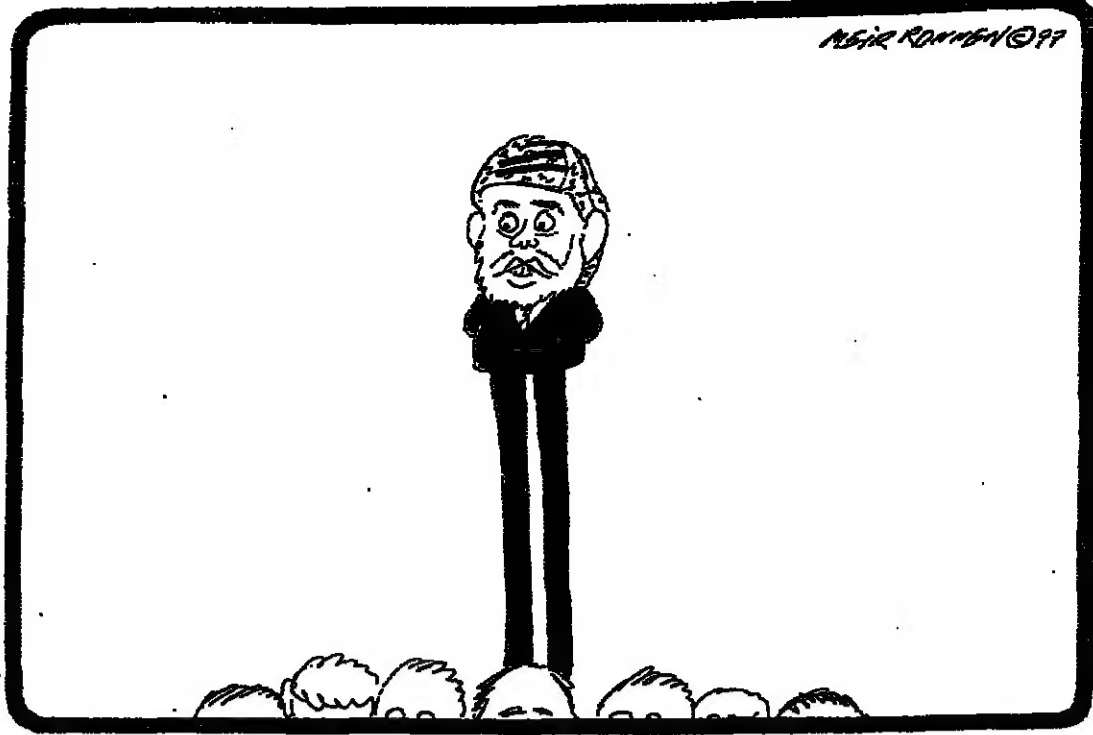
The writer's latest book, *Another Love Story*, was published recently; his *Land of Two Promises*, written jointly with Arab novelist Emil Habibi, is currently being translated into several languages.

CAMELS, THE ships of the desert of Australia's pioneering past, have been fitted with tail lights in a sign of the times in the West Australian tourist town of Broome.

Two tourist camel ride operators have agreed to a town council request to attach red flashing battery-powered bicycle tail lights to the rear of camels to reduce the hazard they pose to traffic.

The camels move in strings of up to 15 with the last camel mounted with a tail light.

One operator said there was no pressure to introduce headlights. "I think the camels know where they're going," he said.



It takes two to reconcile

Even if King Hussein's initiative results in a meeting between Netanyahu and Yasser Arafat, it is clear that the common ground between the two leaders — the Oslo agreement — is no longer there.

The agreement's explicit provisions are no longer to Arafat's taste, so he has abandoned them. In their place, he is trying to substitute something vague, ambiguous, and hard to define called the "Oslo spirit" via which he can introduce new demands at will.

It took great effort on Netanyahu's part to bolster the Knesset majority in favor of implementing the agreement, and Hebron was outstanding proof that he was doing just that. But when he turned around and looked for Arafat, he found that the chairman had departed, trailing the aura of the "Oslo spirit."

Arafat's repudiation of Oslo per se comes across in almost everything he says. For example, he frequently talks about "the diplomatic process," but hardly ever mentions the Oslo agreement — not surprisingly, since it puts limits on what he can demand.

He cannot, for instance, demand immediate operation of the Dehania airport. The agreement emphasizes Israel's unconditional right to suit security arrangements there to its needs, and Arafat can't interfere.

But that hasn't stopped him trying, for several weeks, to do away with this limitation, even though it stems from one of the agreement's most fundamental parts.

He cannot dictate the extent of any of the IDF's three withdrawals from Judea and Samaria. The agreement lays down only their timing, nothing else. Israel need not consult the Palestinians on how far, or from where, it will

MOSHE ZAK

withdraw. Again, the agreement recognizes Israel's security needs as the paramount consideration.

* Arafat cannot interfere in construction in Jerusalem during the interim period. The agreement does not even mention the "danger of the Judaization of Jerusalem" that Arafat cites constantly as part of his efforts to drum up Islamic support for his anti-Israel campaign.

Israel agreed that problems

Arafat has jettisoned the Oslo accord for something vague yet wonderfully elastic called 'the Oslo spirit'

linked to Jerusalem could be raised in the final status negotiations; but the agreement says nothing about discussing the Palestinians' demand to share sovereignty over the city with Israel.

NOT one of Arafat's demands since Hebron has actually been based on the agreement. Conveniently, he invokes the "Oslo spirit" and "the spirit of reconciliation" while he insists on more Israeli concessions.

What doesn't seem to have occurred to the PLO leader is that it takes two to reconcile. He seems to believe that he can eternally twist Israeli prime ministers around his little finger, promising them over and over that the Palestinian Covenant will be amended — or has already been

amended — then tell his own public that he will amend the covenant only when Israel formulates a constitution. He knows quite well that there is no such thing as Israel's immediate agenda.

The Palestinians' demand vis-à-vis Jerusalem was known before the signing of the agreement, yet it says nothing about freezing construction in Jerusalem until the end of final status negotiations.

Israel's representatives would have rejected out of hand any Palestinian attempt to condition their signing on a clause preventing the "Judaization of Jerusalem." So why on earth should we agree to such a condition now, in the name of the "Oslo spirit"?

The Likud government opted to uphold a written agreement concluded by its predecessor, common practice with international agreements. Even so, there were objections to ratifying the agreement with the PLO — an organization, not a nation.

Whatever honoring agreements involves, it certainly does not include indulging the other side's fantasies — in this case, far-reaching gestures to dissipate Palestinian threats of violence.

These threats, made by many Palestinian leaders, only strengthen the conclusion that Arafat no longer sees himself as bound by the provisions of the Oslo agreement.

This being the case, what possible reason could Israel have for helping him legitimize some alternative "spirit" by which he can claim that building housing for Jews in Jerusalem constitutes a crime?

The writer, a veteran journalist, comments on current affairs.

Happy days

GUS CRENSON

The world will be a much better place to live in about 1,000 days. By January 1, 2000, there will be no state or federal taxes of any kind. No crime. No jails. No professional athletes. No military. No lawyers. No guns. No poverty. No advertising.

And, oh yes — newspaper editors will be elected by readers.

All these happy changes will have come to pass by the start of the new millennium, according to Edward Bellamy, author of *Looking Backward: 2000-1887*, published in 1888 by Houghton Mifflin.

The book sold more than 1 million copies, and was translated into four other languages. Its message resonated with Italian anarchists, Dutch socialists, Russian revolutionaries, English social critics.

This is the story of Julian West, an upper-class 1880s Bostonian who falls into a trance after he takes a mysterious sleeping potion. He sleeps for 113 years.

In Bellamy's new world, everyone works for the government. All get the same wage. Everyone has a credit card (he got that right) on which his (or her annual wage is entered. Each time something is bought, its cost is deducted from the card.

There is no money. You do all your buying in a government-run mall that keeps samples of everything you could possibly want. A system of pneumatic tubes moves everything along. The purchase usually is waiting by the time you get home.

The work day is four hours. Vacation is six months per year. Work is from age 21 to 45. The mentally and physically handicapped do what light work they can, but get paid the same as everybody else.

Bellamy's retirees in the year

Imagine: no taxes, no crime, no poverty, no advertising — and newspaper editors elected by readers

2000 live to "85 or 90" (a radical notion in 1887) and spend their retirement doing anything they please. He doesn't mention health care.

HOW did we come to this happy pass?

Well, says Bellamy, corporate giants at the end of the last century got bigger and bigger, gobbling up competition, and the rich got richer, until there was only one giant conglomerate — and the government took it over because the people demanded it.

And now, he says, we "enjoy the blessings of a social order at once so simple and logical that it seems but the triumph of common sense."

In Bellamy's world, housework is history. People eat in community dining rooms. It's cheaper, and the food is better than anything Mom could cook at home. All washing and ironing is outsourced.

Women's wages are the same as men's, but they work shorter hours and get rest stops, plus longer vacations. They are assigned only work they can handle. Maternity leave? Certainly.

In relations with men, women are free to declare their love first, (radical for 1888), though in the end, as one current critic observes, Bellamy created a world in which women reflected the 19th-century ideal: "pure, pious, domestic and submissive." Still, he was a hero to most 19th-century feminists. One women's rights leader pronounced his book "the book of the century."

You will look in vain in *Looking Backward* for the gimmicks and gadgets that are part of our baggage as we enter the new millennium. There are the pneumatic tubes. There is the adaptation of the telephone into a kind of radio. And on rainy days, a waterproof covering automatically turns the sidewalk into a "dry corridor." That's about it.

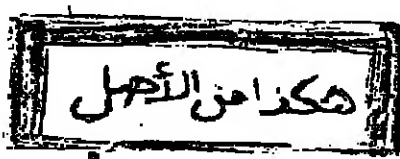
Looking Backward is, of course, a persuasive socialist tract, awakening Americans to the possibilities of change. It won converts to socialism by making it respectable, exciting and desirable.

On March 30, 1888, the *Boston Transcript* reviewed the book favorably, but couldn't swallow Bellamy's timetable. The reviewer thought the changes would take 75 centuries — not just one.

General interest in *Looking Backward* tailed off in the 1920s, but scholarly interest flourishes in scores of books and articles.

Critics are still dissecting Bellamy's ideas after 100 years and more.

(Baltimore Sun)



GRAPEVINE



Knesset Speaker Dan Tichon and his wife, Ludmilla (Isaac Harari)

Storyteller makes for an enchanted affair

By GREER FAY CASHMAN

YOU MUST come and listen to the fairy tales," urged Noracsy Kroll, wife of the Austrian ambassador, when talking to invitees to the luncheon she hosted at her Herzliya Pithah residence in honor of Ludmilla Tichon, wife of the Speaker of the Knesset. Kroll's luncheons and dinners always have a fun-and-games element to them — but fairy tales were not exactly an incentive for guests of a certain age. "But these are adult fairy tales," she clarified. What she meant to say was that they were Aesop-style fables and parables.

Austrian story-teller Folke Tegethoff charmed the close to 40 females present by telling them that he felt like a thorn bush in a rose garden, and then went on to fascinate them with a series of dramatically articulated tales, most of which carried a "do unto others" message. No one was more fascinated than Tichon, whose face registered her mounting enchantment.

While introducing Tegethoff, Kroll emphasized "the virtues of listening which have almost disappeared." Some of her guests were chattering so loudly at the time, that Kroll had to ring a small bell to enable herself to be heard.

POLITICAL LINES were definitely blurred at Kroll's luncheon. Present at Tichon's request were Ofra Elul, wife of Labor MK Rafi Elul, and Sarah Zissmann, wife of Third Way MK Emanuel Zissmann. The chairperson of Nitzan, which works on behalf of children with learning disabilities, Ofra Elul, speaking in Hebrew, with Zissmann translating into English, announced that Tichon was the organization's new president. Aside from being a charming person with good connections, noted Elul, Tichon was the ideal person to head Nitzan because her own son, who is dyslexic, triumphed over his disability and went on to university, "so she really knows what it's all about."

THE PRESTIGE of Jerusalem's King David Hotel suffered a serious blow after former US secretary of state Warren Christopher changed his Israeli home-away-from-home address from the King David to the Laromme. Even though the King David continues to be a VIP

venue, many other visiting dignitaries followed Christopher's example. This week, however, the status of the King David was fully restored when it became the first Jerusalem hotel in which the prime minister of Israel hosted a dinner for Jordan's King Hussein.

GIVEN THE venue, guests demonstrating their linguistic skills should have been practicing their Hungarian as they partied in the home of Hungarian Ambassador Istvan Csejtel and his wife Ilidko on the occasion of that country's national day. Instead, Cypriot ambassador Petros Eftychiou decided to impress **Mirko Stefanovic**, charge d'affaires at the Embassy of Yugoslavia, with his command of another difficult language. "Haval al hazman" (It's a waste of time), Eftychiou declared solemnly with perfect Israeli

intonation, then laughed and immediately came out with a more upbeat Hebrew phrase he's picked up: "Zeh tov" (That's good).

BEING POLITICAL

Can they? Researchers recently came to the surprising conclusion that infants just eight months old can distinguish between real words and nonsense syllables, even before they know what the words really mean. Some studies suggest that babies start tuning into language much earlier than that, perhaps while they are still in the womb.

Recent studies also suggest that although parents can increase their baby's understanding of language by talking to them a lot, there is little they can do to make their child talk more. Talkativeness, it turns out, has more to do with a baby's genes than with the amount of time spent listening to one's parents.

These are just a few of the discoveries that are increasing researchers' appreciation for that most profound of baby talents, the ability to master the complexities of language. "Even in the first few months, in what parents may assume to be innocent verbal play or verbal volleyball, the child is learning conversational patterns of language," said Laura Ann Petito, a neuropsychologist at McGill University in Montreal who studies language development in children. "It's an extraordinary feat."

AND TALKING of plastic surgery, if Melanie Griffith gives the impression that she's had a face lift, the reason for the change in her appearance can be attributed to the collagen treatment she's received to fill in the wrinkles around her eyes.

PARENTING

Teens, trauma and tragedy

By RUTH MASON

How can I help my 14-year-old daughter cope with the terrible tragedy at Naharayim? Can you help me understand her possible responses?

Dr. Alan J. Flashman, adult and child psychiatrist and pediatrician, offers these insights:

You might imagine your 14-year-old as living simultaneously in three positions in a tug of war. One side is pulling towards further development, one side is pulling backwards. And at the center the child is feeling an uncomfortable lack of balance. Young teenagers travel between these three positions, but find it hard to be aware of more than one at any given time.

The massive impact of witnessing girls their own age being gunned down defenselessly will increase dramatically the intensity of each of the pulls, and make the center especially wobbly. You might be well advised to ask yourself during any conversation or fragment thereof, "From which position is my child speaking?" Then you can address each position in a manner suited to it.

For example, the position of developmental progress may speak in a definitive and seemingly adult manner. A child may be taking an extreme and unquestioning stance, perhaps restating positions he or she has heard from the adult political or religious spectrum of opinion. Your daughter may be experiencing and giving

expression to a fearlessness that you may find chilling. At the time, it may be more important to respect the child's feeling of certainty and to appreciate just how important some clarity is for her at the present time.

At the other side, developmental regression may speak in the voice of profound fear and uncertainty. Or, more likely, you may find the child struggling desperately not to allow herself to experience helplessness. Young teenagers are often very frightened by being frightened. They feel that their recently acquired independence is too shaky to tolerate a feeling of need and dependence that they fear pulls them backwards to childishness.

Here it may be most helpful to encourage permission to experience deep fear and helplessness temporarily. You can help your daughter to let herself feel very shaken, and stay with her while you express your confidence that her growth towards independence can tolerate these feelings.

At the center, the feeling of how the child defines herself may seem most welcome and easy to communicate with, during the fleeting or more prolonged moments when it is dominant. Your daughter may be able to express a sense of confusion within herself, feeling herself at the center of contradictory pulls. You may feel her more of a partner in the conversation.

If you imagine the child standing on a narrow platform from which she is feeling pulled, you could picture your role as helping



By talking to children about the Naharayim shootings, parents can prevent tragedy from becoming trauma. (AP)

her broaden her base, giving her more room to place her feet for a more steady balance, with some room to sway to either side without toppling over. You can help her expand this base both in time and space. By space I mean help-

ing her to be thoughtful about a range of possible feelings and thoughts in addition to the ones she has noted.

It is often easiest to elicit such expansions by asking about her friends. For example, what range

of opinion or feeling was spoken about by her friends? How is each one different?

With regard to time, I want to raise two things. First, how has she noticed that her own responses have already fluctuated over time? And second, some help in expanding towards the future — that feelings and thoughts grow and change over time.

This is best expressed by engaging in a continuous conversation over weeks and months, returning to the point in order to observe together how things have been changing. I think young teenagers appreciate some help in realizing that response to extreme feelings is not "settled" so quickly or definitively, and that they have time to broaden their repertoire of feelings and thoughts.

Let me summarize. Young teenagers are a highly inconsistent bunch. Parents have an intuitive appreciation that they are often speaking to different sides of their child while the child does not realize this.

I am encouraging you to rely on this healthy intuition especially when helping your child to relate to last week's horrible events. Growing up involves facing the tragic side of life as well. Tragedy becomes trauma when a child feels overwhelmed by feelings and adjusts and restricts her personality to one side or another, with a feeling that she has fallen off her own base. You can help your child face tragedy and avoid trauma by responding flexibly to her fluctuating sides while keeping the con-

No nonsense baby talk

language. Predictably, perhaps, recent research suggests that language development relies on a combination of both genetic and environmental factors. The mastery of grammar, syntax and vocabulary is fostered by listening to parents and others (or, in the case of the deaf, seeing people use sign language), especially during the first year or two of life.

At the same time, the brain is so exquisitely predisposed to language

"Infants just eight months old can distinguish between real words and nonsense syllables, even before they know what the words mean."

that words come forth almost spontaneously in children raised under normal conditions.

That means parents may indeed help their children understand language by reading to them and encouraging wordplay. It also means that parents can relax with the knowledge that for most children, language happens naturally.

What goes on in babies' prelinguistic minds remains largely a mystery, but pieces of the puzzle are coming together. Petito's studies with children (some deaf, some hearing) and with chimpanzees (including Nim Chimsky, named for the famous linguist Noam Chomsky) suggest that a newborn's brain is primed to notice precisely the kinds of rhythms typically found in languages.

A newborn's brain is predisposed

to handling packages of information about 1.2 seconds long. Petito has found, and parents respond to this predisposition by spending almost exactly that amount of time on individual words ("Hel-loo!") or repeated syllables ("ba ba ba") when speaking to infants. As children age, their brains gain the ability to handle longer strings of information — pairs of words, short phrases and eventually entire sentences — and parents accommodate by offering up longer and more complex phrases.

A baby's brain is also biologically programmed to respond most strongly to undulating pitches, which may explain why parents end up talking to their children in the classic sing-song tones of baby talk.

Through a combination of instinct and trial and error, parents quickly figure out what they must do to make an impression on their baby's brain, Petito said. For example, parents will say "That's a ball... look at the ball," with a falling and rising tone on the word "ball." "The reason the child pays attention in the first place is because a mechanism in the brain makes the falling and rising pattern very salient," Petito said. "The sing-song and verbal back and forth in early months make a magnificent contribution to your child's learning language."

The rapidly with which babies learn the basics of language leaves even the experts marveling. Some studies suggest the process begins even before birth.

In one study of infants just two days old, for example, researchers measured how actively French infants sucked on a nipple while they listened to people speaking French, as compared to how actively they sucked when they listened to people speaking Russian.

The researchers knew that when a baby sucks more, it is an indication that he recognizes a sound or sight as familiar. In the French study, the

two-day-olds sucked more vigorously while listening to French than while listening to Russian, suggesting they were already more familiar with the general sounds of French.

At six months, most babies are starting to vocalize nascent syllables, like ba ba and da da. Soon after, they start playing with permutations of those sounds in that joyful stage of linguistic advancement known as babbling.

By the time children reach their

"By the second or third year, children are learning a new word every 90 minutes."

first birthday, they have begun to understand the meanings of some words. Soon after, they utter their first real pronouncements, starting with simple names for objects like "bottle," "doll" and "mommy" and "daddy." Then come the two-word combinations ("I poop," "car gone"), a rapid mastery of basic grammar and a meteoric rise in vocabulary.

By the second or third year, they are learning an astonishing 10 to 12 words a day. That's a new word every 90 minutes or so of wakeful existence, for a total of about 13,000 words by age six and 60,000 words by age 18.

Linguistic progress varies tremendously among babies, however, and just because an infant is quick to

learn the meanings of words doesn't mean he will be quick to speak.

Recent studies by Yale child psychologist J. Steven Reznick and University of Colorado co-workers Robin Corley and JoAnn Robinson indicate that, on average, toddlers typically understand 10 times the number of words they actually speak. That is, if you ask them "Where is your ear?" they will point to their ear, indicating they understand the meaning of the word "ear." But if you ask them "What's this?" while pointing to your ear, many will not reply by saying "ear." They comprehend more than they can say.

But the ratio of comprehension to speech varies dramatically from child to child. And happily for parents of quiet babies, studies show that a child's degree of talkativeness is neither a reflection of a child's level of understanding nor a good predictor of future intelligence. By contrast, word comprehension (the number of words a child understands) does appear to correlate with intelligence later in life.

Reznick and his colleagues came to those conclusions by studying 200 identical twins and 200 fraternal (non-identical) twins. If talkativeness levels were determined by outside environmental influences (a gossipy parent, for example, or non-stop television) then identical twins should be, on average, as talkative as fraternal twins, since they are being raised in the same environment. But the researchers found that identical twins were more likely to be similar in talkativeness than were fraternal twins.

That suggests there is something in the genes, rather than in the family environment, that largely determines how much a baby will talk. (The Washington Post)

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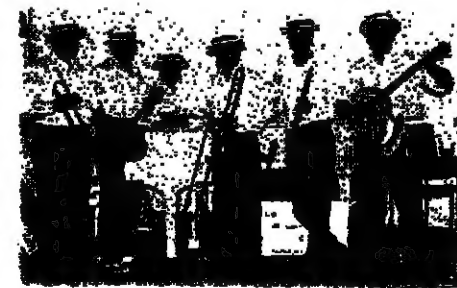
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TASE ROUNDUP

Shares fell yesterday as investors expressed concern about Har Hama.

Leading Maof shares lower were Teva Pharmaceutical Industries Ltd, down 4 percent, Clal Electronic

Industries Ltd, each down 2.5%, and Bezeq, off 1.75%.

On the Mishnanim, El-Rov Israel lost 0.75%, and Clal Computers Ltd, dropped 3.25%.

Offering them were Israel Land Development Co., rising 0.25%, and software house Formula Systems Ltd, up 0.75%.

First International Bank rose to NIS 2.367, as it reported a rise in fourth-quarter earnings.

United Steel Mills moved up to 2.63 after a report that parent Koor Industries Ltd. was in talks with Mannesmann AG of Düsseldorf, Germany, about forming a steel venture.

Koor shares fell 1.75% in Tel Aviv to 303.38. Its ADRs rose 1.4% in New York the previous day.

Packer shares advanced to NIS 79.92 as the company reported that for 1996, net income per share dropped to NIS 1.73 from NIS 1.79 in 1995.

(Bloomberg)

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SPORTS

in brief

Damon Hill awarded OBE

LONDON (Reuters) - Defending Formula One champion Damon Hill received one of Britain's highest honors yesterday when he was made an Officer of the Order of the British Empire by Queen Elizabeth II.

Hill follows his late father Graham Hill who also was awarded the OBE in 1968 after winning his second world drivers' championship.

Hill won the world championship in a close battle last season driving for Williams-Renault, but was dropped from the team and eventually signed on with the lightly regarded Arrows-Yamaha team.

Klinsmann to leave Bayern Munich

MUNICH (AP) - National captain Jurgen Klinsmann said Monday he is leaving the Bayern Munich soccer team at the end of the season.

"I had a talk with Franz Beckenbauer last week," Klinsmann said of the Bayern team president. "I told him that next season I will probably be playing outside Germany. I don't fit in here."

The 32-year-old Klinsmann has publicly criticized the "too defensive" tactics of coach Giovanni Trapattoni and had a long-running feud with captain Lothar Matthaus.

Mesa faces rape charge

CLEVELAND (AP) - Cleveland Indians relief pitcher Jose Mesa has left spring training to attend a hearing on a rape charge against him.

Mesa, 30, has pleaded innocent to one count of rape, two counts of gross sexual imposition, one count of felonious assault and one count of carrying a concealed weapon. He is free on \$10,000 bond.

Mesa is scheduled for trial March 31, so the Indians don't know whether he will be available for the start of the season April 2 at Oakland. The team is expected to ask the baseball commissioner's office this week for permission to replace Mesa with another pitcher on the 25-man roster while he is on trial.

China on International Rugby Football Board

HONG KONG (AP) - China was formally accepted yesterday as the 76th member of the International Rugby Football Board, the sport's world governing body.

China's admission was welcomed by the board's chairman, Vernon Pugh, in a ceremony at the Hong Kong Football Club.

Meanwhile, a team from the Chinese People's Liberation Army took on a squad from the British military forces in Hong Kong in the Carlsberg 10s rugby tournament.

The Chinese team from the PLA's Sports Institute in the southern city of Guangzhou defeated the Royal Highlanders 12-7 in a preliminary match in the two-day tournament.

Drop Atherton, says Illingworth

LONDON (Reuters) - Mike Atherton should be axed as England captain for the one-day internationals against Australia this year, according to his former chairman of selectors Ray Illingworth.

Illingworth wrote in yesterday's Express newspaper that current chairman David Graveney should give less experienced members of the side a chance to lead the side.

"Graveney said he would consult former England captains Graham Gooch and Mike Gatting - both now England selectors - before making a decision on the captaincy in the next few weeks."

Leeds to fine Yeboah two weeks' wages

LEEDS (Reuters) - Ghanaian striker Tony Yeboah will be fined two weeks' pay for ripping off his Leeds United shirt and throwing it at manager George Graham, the Premier Club said yesterday.

Yeboah threw his shirt towards the manager's dugout after being substituted when Leeds were beaten 1-0 at Tottenham Hotspur on Saturday.

Yeboah has not seen eye to eye with Graham since December when he started training again after a carilage operation which had kept him out for two months.

The Ghanaian, who joined Leeds from Germany's Eintracht Frankfurt for £3.4 million, argued he was fit to play again. Graham disagreed and kept him on the bench.

Figure skating judging could change

LAUSANNE (Reuters) - International Skating Union (ISU) president Ottavio Quinquanti said yesterday that changes to figure skating's scoring system could occur before next year's Winter Olympics in Japan.

But he stressed that major changes could only be passed by the biennial ISU congress, which does not meet until mid-1998.

Cinquanti is known to be upset at the confusing result of the men's event at the European championships in Paris in January, which he felt was incomprehensible to the public.

He has already ordered an immediate review of the placing system which determines results in figure skating.

Cinquanti is backed in his desire to set up a more easily understood system by IOC president Juan Antonio Samaranch.

Betar Jerusalem, Mac TA advance to State Cup quarterfinals

By ORI LEWIS

Betar Jerusalem steam-rolled their way into the quarterfinals of soccer's State Cup after a 5-2 victory over Maccabi Herzliya in the round of 16 yesterday.

No less convincing, for a half at least, was Maccabi Tel Aviv's come-from-behind 3-2 victory over Zefirum Holon after they trailed 2-0 at halftime.

Also through from yesterday's matches are Hapoel Beit She'an who reached this stage for the first time after a 3-1 win over Hapoel Jerusalem, Bnei Yehuda who scored a 2-0 extra-time win over Hapoel Haifa, and Hapoel Tel Aviv and Hapoel Beersheba, both of whom needed a penalty shootout to overcome Hapoel and Maccabi Petah Tikva respectively.

The last-16 round continues today when Maccabi Haifa host Second Division leaders Hapoel Ashdod - the only non-National League team to have made it this far. The final match of the round takes place on March 29 when Hapoel Tel Aviv host Hapoel Kfar Sava.

Bet, Jerusalem 5, Mac, Herzliya 2

Betar began to set their sights on the league and cup double in the fourth minute of the match at Teddy Stadium when Stefan Saloi struck. Eli Ohana then joined in the show, with a hat-trick of goals (51, 58, 68) and Shmuel Levy added the fifth 10 minutes from the end.

Roman Filipchuk (66) and Oleg Neduda

(77) made it a respectable outing for Herzliya, but the visitors never made life difficult for the champions in waiting.

Hap. Beit She'an 3, Hap. Jerusalem 1

When Beit She'an's Golan Deri had his penalty saved by Jaroslav Baku in the third minute and then Jerusalem's Asasi Tubi headed the visitors into the lead with 21 minutes gone, the game looked to be head-

Mac, PT 0, Hap. Beersheba 0 (after extra time)

Beersheba won 4-2 on penalties. Maccabi's Ofer Shinit will no doubt have a sleepless night, not only as a result of missing opportunities to score in the 89th and 118th minutes, but also on missing his attempt in the penalty shootout, as Beersheba coasted through after a generally

the first in the 28th). But Maccabi clawed their way back first through an Avi Nimni penalty following a foul on Haim Hajaj in the 62nd minute. Ofer Mizrahi wasted no time in equalizing on 66 minutes, and Oren Zeituni scored an own goal with 11 minutes to go.

Hapoel Haifa 0, Bnei Yehuda 2 (after extra time)

Bnei Yehuda finally broke the deadlock in the 97th minute at Kiryat Eliezer when Avi Tikva pounced for the visitors.

That knocked the stuffing out of Haifa, and they gave up all hope after Alon Mizrahi converted a penalty after 115 minutes following a foul on Ofer Deri. Haifa also lost Mario Oliveira, who was shown the red card immediately after the penalty.

Hap. Tel Aviv 0, Hap. PT 0 (after extra time)

Tel Aviv won 6-5 on penalties. A particularly dull 120 minutes came to life in the penalty shootout which required an extra round, following a miss each in the initial five kicks.

Tel Aviv goalkeeper Shavit Elimelech saved twice from the feet of Manor Hassan and Avi Fletcher. Elimelech was the only Tel Aviv player to see his own shot saved by Shai Hess.

Tel Aviv celebrated their first victory under Dror Kashtan, who has yet to lead the team to victory in the league. The hosts' Nissim Avitan was sent off for a challenge on Benny Kozashvili in the 112th minute.

IFA to probe flooding of Petah Tikva pitch

The IFA has ordered private investigations firm Modi' in Ezrahi to probe allegations that Hapoel Petah Tikva deliberately flooded their ground ahead of the National League match with Maccabi Herzliya last Saturday. The claim was made yesterday by two "senior soccer officials" who refused to be named.

The two claim they saw the pitch at the Petah Tikva municipal ground drenched on a nevertheless rainy day, causing referee Haim Ya'acov to call off the match 45 minutes before kickoff.

Petah Tikva chairman Lior Shafir was incensed by the allegations saying that "only an evil idiot would do such a thing." The somewhat absurd claim is that Petah Tikva, who lie in second place in the league, preferred to play the match in more comfortable weather conditions, and by flooding the pitch, gave the referee no option but to call off the match.

ing for a Jerusalem victory. But veteran Yehuda Amar "equalized three minutes before halftime and then Deri made amends with a headed goal on 63 minutes.

Serjan Chulakovic made the game safe for Beit She'an six minutes later with a finely struck goal.

very disappointing match.

Zefirum Holon 2, Mac, Tel Aviv 3

Maccabi's hopes of defending the cup and of gaining a place in Europe looked dead and buried when Viktor Moroz scored his second goal to put the home side clearly ahead after 57 minutes (he hit



REJECTION - Nuggets' Antonio McDyess blocks a shot by Lakers' Sean Rooks.

(Reuters)

Blaylock's defense lifts Hawks

ATLANTA (AP) - The Atlanta Hawks rallied from a 10-point deficit in the final 48.9 seconds of regulation and beat the Orlando Magic 112-107 in overtime to end a three-game losing streak on Monday.

Steve Smith scored 38 points and Christian Laettner added 27 for the Hawks. But it was Mookie Blaylock who came up with the biggest plays of the game on defense.

Blaylock stole an inbound pass and was fouled by Horace Grant

while driving up the court with 2.3 seconds remaining.

Blaylock hit both free throws to even the score at 98 and send the game into overtime.

Penny Hardaway, who led the Magic with 35 points, scored the first basket of the extra period, but Blaylock put the Hawks ahead to stay, 101-100, on a 3-pointer.

Jazz 114, Hornets 93

Karl Malone scored 37 points, John Stockton reached the 12,000-

assist mark as Utah won on the road.

Malone added nine rebounds and five assists as Utah won for the fourth consecutive time and ninth in 10 games.

Stockton, already the NBA's all-time leader in assists and steals, had 23 points to go with five assists and two steals.

Monday's results: Boston 126, Milwaukee 117; Utah 114, Charlotte 93; Atlanta 112, Orlando 107 (OT); Cleveland 85, Detroit 82; Washington 109, San Antonio 85; L.A. Lakers 113, Denver 94; Phoenix 116, Golden State 95.

Magpies crash out of UEFA Cup

MONTE CARLO (Reuters) - Midfielder Ali Benarbia scored two second half goals as Monaco crushed Newcastle United 3-0 in the home leg of their UEFA Cup quarterfinal yesterday to reach the semifinals 4-0 on aggregate.

The French league leaders went in front four minutes before halftime when midfielder Sylvain Legwinski robbed the ball from Peter Beardsley 30 meters out, took three steps and blasted it from the edge of the box past diving goalkeeper Shaka Hislop and just inside his left post.

Seven minutes into the second half the busy Benarbia, heir to Belgian Enzo Scifo as Monaco's playmaker, was in the box to volley home a cross from the right by defender Patrick Blondeau.

Benarbia put the tie totally beyond Newcastle's reach in the 67th minute when he curled a brilliant free kick from the left inside the near post after Robert Lee had fouled Brazilian striker Anderson.

Monaco are now just one round from their second European final after playing in the 1993 Cup Winners' Cup final.

In other UEFA Cup quarterfinal action last night, it was Brondby 0, Tenerife 2 after extra time; and Inter Milan 2, Andrecht 1.

Porto in bid for upset

LONDON (AP) - Portuguese club Porto are all but out of the Champions Cup. Or are they? Porto were the co-favorite with defending champion Juventus just two weeks ago before being soundly thrashed 4-0 in the first-leg quarterfinal at Manchester United.

Nobody expects Porto today to get through to the semifinals, with Manchester United trying to become the first English team to win Europe's most important club trophy since Liverpool in 1984.

But there's an upset precedent. Twenty years ago in the Cup Winners' Cup, Porto downed the Reds 4-0 and advanced despite losing 5-2 at Old Trafford.

"Obviously, they are going to come at us - without question," said Manchester United manager Alex Ferguson.

Porto are on the skids. Their lead atop the Portuguese league has been slashed from 15 to seven points in just a month.

SCOREBOARD

NHL - Monday's results: Buffalo 5, Boston 1; Ottawa 4, N.Y. Rangers 3; Florida 4, New Jersey 1; Phoenix 3, St. Louis 2.

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There are only two more opportunities to enjoy Orin Orbach playing Copland's captivating jazz-oriented clarinet concerto, commissioned and premiered by Benny Goodman, with Christopher Willkins leading the Haifa Symphony Orchestra. Also on the program Elgar's *Enigma Variations* and Bach's third orchestral suite. Tonight and tomorrow at the Haifa Auditorium (8:30).

JAZZ

MICHAEL AIZENSTADT

Three French jazz musicians visit Israel for a series of performances over the next few days. Guitarist Bireli Lagrene performs Friday in Tel Aviv (10) and Saturday at the Israel Museum in Jerusalem (9). Accordion virtuoso Marcel Azzola with pianist Lina Bossati tango in tandem Sunday in Tel Aviv (8) and next Tuesday at the Israel Museum (9).



Bireli Lagrene plays in Jerusalem and Tel Aviv.

POP

HELEN KAYE

DJs, the Princess Diandra and the inimitable Grace Jones are all part of a giant gala benefit for Peace Now at Hangar 11, Tel Aviv Port on Saturday starting at 9 p.m. Jones starts her gig at 00:15.

THEATER

HELEN KAYE

Cain's say no to *OklaHoma!*, the Light Opera Group of the Negev (*LOGON*) production of Rodgers and Hammerstein's all-time great classic musical *Cabaret* (*Sound of Music*) Lewis and Rosa Howden share Laurey, Stephen Howden is her sweetheart Curly, and marvelous Marcus Meyerowitz is "pore" Jud Fry. Director Meir Vardi keeps the farmers and the cowmen hopping and music director David Waldman wields his baton over "People will say we're in love." "Oh what a beautiful morning," and of course the show-stopping title tune. Tonight at the Noga Theater in Jaffa at 8:30 p.m. (English, with Hebrew subtitles).

FILM

ADINA HOFFMAN

★★★ JERRY MAGUIRE — Tom Cruise stars in this bittersweet comedy about a fast-talking athletic agent whose integrity gets him fired; as his unctuous employer makes it painfully clear, there's no room for old-fashioned ideals like Jerry's in the sneaker-and-soda-sponsored world of professional American sports. So our hero is forced to go it almost alone, with no friends but a single client, a second-rate NFL wide-receiver (Cuba Gooding Jr.) and a shy, dreamy accountant (Renée Zellweger), who quits her job to help Jerry. Although the outline may sound a bit schematic, there's a winning, softly goofy approach to director Cameron Crowe's approach. Instead of imposing optimism on the characters from above, the dubious method of most feel-good directors, he lets their own hopefulness and idealism bubble up and carry the film. If anything, Crowe himself seems to recognize a few dark truths about human nature that the characters don't, and he uses their slightly pie-in-the-sky ideas and emotions as a source of gentle humor. (English dialogue, Hebrew subtitles. Parental guidance suggested.)

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IAF chief: Arabs winning arms race

Ben-Eliahu says Israel needs space defense

By ARIEH O'SULLIVAN

The arms race is tipping more and more in favor of the Arabs and Israel needs to achieve superiority in space to cover itself on all fronts, OC Air Force Maj.-Gen. Eitan Ben-Eliahu said yesterday.

"Just now, during an atmosphere of peace, a situation has been created where the strategic balance with the neighboring states is changing in a worrisome way," Ben-Eliahu told a conference on avionics at the Dan Panorama in Tel Aviv.

He said that some 350-400 surface-to-air missile batteries exist in the Middle East and that Syria has some 800 surface-to-surface missiles. It is estimated that Syria will have some 1,500 such missiles within the next three years.

This figure is much higher than Israeli strategists have previously thought and shows that the Syrians are serious about maintaining a military option, he said.

Ben-Eliahu also said Egypt, Syria, Iraq, and Iran all have chemical weapons, and that once the embargo is eased, Iraq will quickly resume its efforts to obtain nuclear weapons.

"We think that there is a nuclear potential even though the installations were destroyed ... what

remains is the knowledge, the brains, the people. The moment the embargo is lifted, the moment there is freedom, there is no reason why Iraq won't try again to fulfill its desire to reach nuclear capability," Ben-Eliahu said.

"But the capability and desire for nuclear weapons and non-conventional weapons are not found only in Iraq, they are also found in Iran. We estimate that within four or five years, it will be able to set up a factory that will be able to produce enriched uranium. We think that in an additional two or three years ... it will be able to put them in missile warheads."

Syria gave up its quest for strategic parity about a decade ago, experts say. Instead, after seeing the effects of Iraqi Scud bombing on Israel, it began heavily investing in surface-to-surface missiles.

According to Tel Aviv University's Jaffee Center for Strategic Studies' Middle East Military Balance, Syria has 62 surface-to-surface missiles in service, but Yiftah Shapir, a researcher, has said the Syrians actually have 200-300 Scuds.

Ben-Eliahu said that when the political situation is more relaxed Israel is able to divert more funds into research and development, but that this period has ended.



Preparing for Purim

Two young patients at Tel Aviv's Ichilov Hospital get ready for Purim with the help of a student from Seminar Hakibbutzim Teachers' College yesterday. Students training to be preschool teachers brought hamantaschen, noisemakers, and makeup to a children's ward at the hospital.

BACKGROUND

Bar-On inquiry comes to a close

By RAINE MARCUS

The questions keeping the central figures in the Bar-On affair awake at night as the investigation comes to a close are whether indictments will be issued against any of those allegedly involved, and what the ramifications of that would be, should it occur.

Channel 1 reporter Ayala Hasson's January broadcast alleging that Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, Prime Minister's Office Director-General Avigdor Lieberman, MK Aryeh Deri, Justice Minister Tzahi Hanegbi and businessman David Appel among others were all involved in a conspiracy to appoint little-known Jerusalem lawyer Roni Bar-On as attorney-general in return for Shas's sup-

port for the Hebron redeployment caused a furor and sparked a two-month police investigation in which over 35 people were questioned.

Would the government fall? Were Netanyahu or Lieberman involved in criminal offenses more suited to a third-world dictatorship than an ostensibly democratic state? Who leaked the information, or disinformation, to Hasson, and why?

The government is not likely to fall as the result of this probe. Although Netanyahu and Lieberman were questioned — the latter more than once — sources said that while offenses were apparently committed, it is doubtful that police have been able to corroborate Hasson's report.

Police learned early on who leaked the story. Hasson, who

claimed she had documentation to back her story, was summoned to give evidence. So was Deri's then lawyer, Dan Avi-Yitzhak, who had himself wished to become the attorney-general, something Deri resisted, not wanting his top lawyer to abandon his trial in the middle. Avi-Yitzhak then resigned from Deri's case and in a letter to his

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client, cited the MK's alleged involvement in the Bar-On affair as one of the reasons. Appel, Deri's confidante, was

named by Hasson as the intermediary in the affair, he was also questioned several times. He vehemently denied all involvement and filed a NIS 5 million libel suit against Hasson and her superiors, IBA news director Rafik Halabi and director-general Mordechai Kirschenbaum.

Ministers and MKs who opposed the Bar-On appointment were also questioned.

Hanegbi, who is suspected of submitting misleading information to the cabinet before it voted on Bar-On's appointment, was questioned for the third time yesterday, and police said that the probe is finally complete. The investigating team will convene with State Attorney Edna Arbel tomorrow with recommendations as to who, if anyone, to indict on breach of trust and other charges.

State opposes Dotan early release

By BATSEVA TSUR

The state plans to oppose the early release of embezzler Rami Dotan from prison when the petitions to the High Court of Justice are heard.

Dotan, a former brigadier-general and IDF chief procurement officer, was sentenced to 13 years' imprisonment and demoted to private in 1991, for embezzling over \$10 million from military contracts.

The state's decision was made at a meeting yesterday between the attorney-general, the state attorney, the IDF judge-advocate general and representatives of the defense ministry and IDF medical corps.

"The state will appear as a respondent and will express the opinion that the decision [to free Dotan from jail] at this stage, after serving half his sentence, should be changed," a statement released after the meeting said.

"It is possible under military law [as opposed to civilian law] to free someone after half a sentence instead of two-thirds, but it is not mandatory," the statement said.

A military parole board decided last week to free Dotan on

April 21 on grounds of ill health.

The statement issued yesterday noted the severity of the crimes for which Dotan was convicted and the unusual security and public aspects of the Dotan affair, saying that damage to the country's security and educational considerations had to be weighed against considerations about Dotan's health troubles.

Earlier, President Ezer Weizman took the unusual step of turning to the attorney-general with a request that he petition the High Court on behalf of the

state against the decision to give Dotan an early release, so that he should serve out his term in jail.

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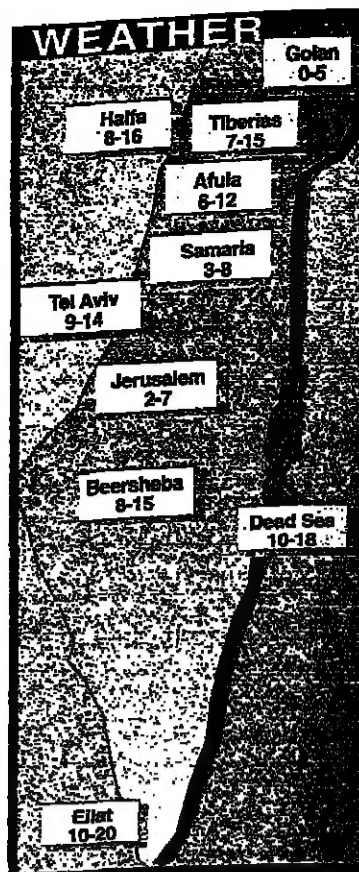
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Cairo	10	50	19	66	clear
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Jerusalem	11	52	22	72	clear
London	08	48	11	52	partly
Los Angeles	12	54	17	63	clear
New York	06	43	20	68	clear
Sydney	18	64	26	79	clear

Winning cards and numbers

In yesterday's daily Chance drawing, the winning cards were the 10 of spades, ace of hearts, jack of diamonds and seven of clubs.

The winning numbers in last night's Lotto drawing were 3, 8, 11, 37, 39, and 47; the supplementary number was 43.

Cable mishap inquiry slammed

The Winograd Commission, the external panel probing the August 1992 accident in which Sgt. Tzuriano and Asaf Rosenberg, both members of the air force rescue unit, were killed, yesterday severely criticized the initial air force investigation of the tragedy.

The two soldiers were killed when a cable pulling them up to a helicopter snapped during a training exercise.

The criticism came as Maj.-Gen. (res.) Herzl Bodinger, who commanded the air force at the time and appointed the members of the original investigatory panel, was giving testimony.

Although three separate air force panels probed the accident, the civilian panel, headed by retired judge Eliahu Winograd, concentrated on the first of them, which submitted its findings in February 1993.

The commission members, particularly Winograd and Maj.-Gen. (res.) Raphael Vardi, wanted to know why the initial panel's draft report, which found several officers responsible for the accident, was submitted to senior air force officers for their comments. This led to changes in the draft and the final report, submitted to Bodinger, eliminated the officers' responsibility.

Bodinger said he did not recall the differences between the final report and the draft, but said it is common practice to submit reports to senior officers for comment, and this often leads to changes in the report. (Nim)

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